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FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT



Town of
SUGAR HILL
New Hampshire

Year ending December 31, 2008



This 2008 Town Report is dedicated to the
Sugar Hill Fire Department
for 60 years of service to the community.



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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John J. Strasser, III	(Term Expires 2011)
Harry L. Reid, Chairman	(Term Expires 2010)
Richard Bielefield	(Term Expires 2009)

TOWN OFFICE

Telephone 823-8468

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Jennifer P. Gaudette

TOWN CLERK

Lissa Boissonneault

TAX COLLECTOR

Lissa Boissonneault
Elizabeth Coombs Andross, Deputy

TREASURER

Amy Venezia

TOWN AUDITOR

William W. Pinney

CHIEF OF POLICE

David D. Wentworth (Appointed)

FIRE CHIEF / FIRE WARDEN

Allan Clark (Appointed)

TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY

911

EMERGENCY ONLY

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

1-800-564-6911

Non-Emergency 823-8123

HIGHWAY AGENT

Douglas R. Glover

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Board of Selectmen

HEALTH OFFICER

Margaret Connors

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Allan Clark

MODERATOR

James F. Snyder (2010)

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Richard Gagne	(2011)
David F. McPhaul	(2010)
Bruce S. Perlo	(2009)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Dr. John Rowbotham, Chairman	(2014)
Judith Weisenberger	(2012)
Starcy Branch	(2010)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Irene Amsbary	(2011)
Elaine Burpee	(2010)
Rosemary Ellms	(2009)

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

	Beth Perlo	(2010)	
Nancy D. Aldrich	(2009)	Holly Hayward	(2010)
Meri Hern	(2009)	Kathleen Jablonski	(2011)

PLANNING BOARD

	Robert Hayward, Jr., Chairman	(2009)	
James Keefe	(2009)	Christopher Thayer	(2011)
David Thurston	(2009)	Arthur Chase	(2011)
John J. Strasser	(2010)	Gail Clark, Alternate	(2010)
Sidney Regan	(2010)	Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary	(2010)

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

	Michael Hern, Chairman	(2010)	
Janet Anderson	(2009)	Peter Anderson	(2011)
Catherine Burke	(2009)	Donald Boissonneault	(2011)
	Amy Venezia, Alt. & Secretary	(2010)	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

	Margaret Connors, Chairman	(2011)	
Peter Carbonneau	(2009)	Kathie Galligan	(2010)
Luther Kinney	(2010)	Ailsa Gagel	(2011)
Grant Ruggles	(2010)	Timothy Williams	(2011)
	Eric Jostrom, Alternate	(2011)	

RECREATION PROGRAM

SUGAR HILL REPRESENTATIVES

Gordon Johnk
Cynthia McLaren

All 2008 reports from various agencies not printed in this Town Report are on file in the Selectmen's Office and available upon request.

TOWN OF SUGAR HILL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – RESULTS

MARCH 11, 2008

Moderator, James F. Snyder, declared the polls open at 11:00 AM for voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of town officers). Polls will close at 7:30 PM unless the town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon starting at 7:30 PM.

ARTICLE 1: To vote by nonpartisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

- One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Town Clerk to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Tax Collector to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Town Moderator to serve for a term of two (2) years
- A Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of six (6) years
- An Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Town Auditor to serve for a term of one (1) year
- One Trustee of the Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years
- Two Board of Adjustment members to serve for a term of three (3) years
- One Board of Cemetery Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years
- And such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

RESULTS OF ARTICLE 1:

Selectman, Three Year Term	John J. Strasser, III.....	100
Town Treasurer, One Year Term.....	Amy Venezia	103
Town Clerk, One Year Term.....	Lissa Boissonneault.....	107
Tax Collector, One Year Term	Lissa Boissonneault.....	107
Town Moderator, Two Year Term	James F. Snyder	102
Supervisor of the Check List, Six Year Term.....	Dr. John Rowbotham	101
Overseer of Public Welfare, One Year Term.....	Lissa Boissonneault.....	5
Library Trustee, Three Year Term.....	Irene Amsbary.....	101
Town Auditor, One Year Term	William Pinney	13
Trustee of Trust Funds, Three Year Term	Richard Gagne	102
Two Board of Adjustment, Three Year Term.....	Peter Anderson.....	80
	Donald Boissonneault	95
Cemetery Trustee, Three Year Term	Kathleen Jablonski	100

Moderator James F. Snyder opened the meeting. He read a list of his rules on the running of the meeting and the conduct of those participating. The Moderator made the suggestion that Article 3 be passed over until the results of the paper ballot be counted on Article 2 as two of the line items in Article 3 are related to the outcome of Article 2.

Moved by Harry Reid

Second by John Strasser

All in favor “Aye”, opposed, “No”. The “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) for the purchase of land and buildings, identified as Map 218, Lots 53, 61.1 and 61.2 as the Selectmen deem appropriate from the Sugar Hill Improvement Association in the best interest of the Town; and to authorize the issuance of not more than Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) of bonds, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, (RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended), and, further, to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, and to take any other action they deem appropriate to effectuate the sale and/or issuance of said bonds.

The authority conferred by the passage of the Article is non-lapsing until its purpose is accomplished, in accordance with RSA 32:7, III. A two-thirds ballot vote is required for passage.

The Moderator opened the polls for the paper ballot on Article 2 at 7:50 PM and closed the polls one hour later at 8:50 PM.

Results by paper ballot: 88 Yes, 3 No Article Passes

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 3: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Executive	\$48,510.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	19,710.00
Payroll Taxes	24,900.00
Financial Administration	25,000.00
Property Revaluation	24,480.00
Legal Expenses	6,000.00
Planning Board	5,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	800.00
Insurance.....	131,409.00
General Government Buildings	81,799.00
Rent.....	35,000.00
Buildings & Grounds	36,567.00
Cemetery.....	7,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	7,550.00
North Country Council.....	1,050.00
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce.....	6,500.00
Police Department	161,495.00
Fire Department.....	66,100.00
Ambulance.....	3,715.00
Emergency Management	500.00
Town Maintenance	127,056.00
General Highway Department Expense.....	137,208.00
Highway Block Grant.....	44,699.00
Street Lighting	7,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal.....	39,163.00
Health, Hospitals.....	4,050.00

North Country Home Health.....	1,613.00
Grafton County Senior	450.00
American Red Cross	284.00
White Mountain Mental Health	678.00
Littleton Hospital	525.00
Ammonoosuc Community Health.....	500.00
Welfare	6,000.00
Tri-County Cap	775.00
Unemployment	100.00
Library	15,000.00
Parks and Recreation	21,835.00
North Country YMCA	150.00
Patriotic Purposes	750.00
Conservation Commission.....	2,500.00
Interest Expense-Tax Anticipation Notes	4,000.00
Long Term Notes	30,000.00
Interest Long Term Notes	44,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS.....	\$1,134,396.00

The Selectmen recommend these Appropriations.

Moved by Beverly Frenkiewich

Second by Sarah Pinney

Discussion followed

All in favor “Aye”, opposed “No”, The “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the accumulated income from the Cemetery Trust Funds.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by James McCusker

Second by Jane Higgins

Discussion followed

All in Favor “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Sarah Pinney

Second by Nick DeMayo

All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be used for Highway Department Roadwork. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the fund is expended or in 3 years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required)

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Nick DeMayo

Second by Beth Perlo

Discussion followed

All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Brad Whipple

Second by Nick DeMayo

All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Jim Cyrs, II

Second by Beverly Frenkiewich

All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund created in 1991.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Jane Higgins

Second by David Thurston

All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Beth Perlo

Second by David Thurston

Discussion followed

All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to establish the Fire Department Building Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:3 for the purpose of providing funds for the maintenance of the existing building and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in said fund and name the Selectmen as agents of the Town to expend the fund for the objectives stated in this article.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation

Moved by Lon Henderson

Second by Nick DeMayo

Discussion followed

All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

Moved by Brad Whipple

Second by Sarah Pinney

Discussion followed

All in Favor, “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the optional elected position of Town Auditor per RSA 669:17-b. Said elected position will be terminated effective March 10, 2009.

The Selectmen recommend this Article.

Moved by Harry Reid

Second by Meri Hern

Discussion followed

All in favor “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

ARTICLE 14: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Roger Aldrich, Chairman of the Veteran’s War Memorial Committee, gave a report on the committee’s progress during the past year. Six members have met monthly and have worked on a design for the memorial. They are considering using foundation stones that came from the Sugar Hill Meeting House. The Memorial will likely be placed on the grounds of the Meeting House. So far there are 135 names to be placed on the memorial, with those serving from the Revolutionary War right through to the war in Iraq. The Committee would welcome any new members to join them.

Eileen Regan, representing the Sugar Hill Historical Museum spoke on the program for the 2008 season which will be FIRE! They will focus on major fires that Sugar Hill experienced. This is also the Sugar Hill Fire Department’s 60th anniversary, the original department organized in 1948. She encouraged everyone to become a member of the museum and to be sure to come to and participate in all the activities of the upcoming season.

Allan Clark updated us on our former Police Chief, Jose Pequeno’s health situation since his injury during service in the Iraq War. Basically, there is no change and that ultimately he will be moved to a nursing home after further surgery resulting from the brain injury he received in combat.

Selectman Richard Bielefield recognized William Pinney for his dedicated and professional services to the Town as Auditor for many years. He also thanked Dennis

Cote for providing and setting up the sound system for the Town Meeting and to Chuck Theodore for his photo which graced the cover of our Town Report.

Lissa Boissonneault thanked Meri and Mike Hern for providing the meal for all the election workers. She also thanked all the election workers that put in such long hours during all the elections held in Sugar Hill. Lissa announced that she and Meri Hern will not be chairing the Sugar Hill 4th of July party this year and that the party is open to new chairpersons.

Harry Reid gave thanks to all that turned out to vote and participate in our Annual Town Meeting.

Beth Perlo gave thanks to our dedicated Road Crew for all their hard work to keep our roads safe in both good and bad weather times.

Moderator Snyder read the results of Article 1, the election of Town Officers.

Motion was made to adjourn

Moved by William Pinney

Second by Beth Perlo

All in Favor “Aye”, opposed “No”, the “Ayes” have it.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Lissa M. Boissonneault
Town Clerk

BALANCE SHEET

(As at December 31, 2008)

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash - Unrestricted Checking	\$ 778,950.33
Cash - Restricted Savings Conservation Fund	54,431.31
Cash – Unrestricted Savings	733.36
Cash – Police Acct	1,235.05
Total Checking/Savings	835,350.05
Taxes Receivable:	
Levy of 2008	127,441.18
Reserve for Uncollected, etc.	(20,435.00)
Unredeemed Taxes Receivable	13,709.46
Taxes Deeded Property Subject to Resale	<u>6,172.58</u>
Total Assets	\$962,238.27

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
School District Tax Payable	<u>\$572,219.00</u>	
Total Current Liabilities		\$572,219.00
Total Liabilities		\$572,219.00
Reserved for Tax Deeded Property	6,172.58	
Reserved for Conservation Fund	54,431.31	
Net Income	140,905.69	
Fund Balance – Unreserved, Undesignated	<u>188,509.69</u>	
Total Equity		<u>\$390,019.27</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		<u>\$962,238.27</u>

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land Under Current Use (At Current Use Values)	\$ 1,015,713.00
Land	55,011,500.00
Buildings	80,873,000.00
Public Utilities	<u>1,137,713.00</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	138,037,926.00
Elderly and Blind Exemptions	<u>70,000.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed for Municipal, County and Local Education	137,967,926.00
Less Utilities	<u>1,137,713.00</u>
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate For State Education Tax Is Computed	\$136,830,213.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>
Total Town Appropriations	\$ 2,091,396.00		
Less: Revenues	(1,053,562.00)		
Less: Shared Revenues	(6,235.00)		
Add: Overlay	20,435.00		
War Service Credits	<u>5,900.00</u>		
Net Town Appropriations		1,057,934.00	
Municipal Tax Rate			7.67
Net Local School Budget	0.00		
Regional School Apportionment	1,289,523.00		
Less: Equitable Education Grant	0.00		
State Education Taxes	<u>(283,376.00)</u>		
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		1,006,147.00	
Local Education Tax Rate			7.29
State Education Taxes			
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x \$2.14			
132,418,791		283,376.00	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			2.07
136,830,213			
Excess State Education			
Taxes to be Remitted to State		0.00	
Due to County	184,676.00		
Less Revenue and Credits	<u>(1,397.00)</u>		
Net County Tax Assessment		183,279.00	
County Tax Rate			1.33
Combined Tax Rate			18.36
Total Property Taxes Assessed		2,530,736.00	
Less: War Service Credits		<u>(5,900.00)</u>	
Property Tax To Be Raised		\$2,524,836.00	

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Meetinghouse, Land and Buildings	\$328,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	80,000.00
Library Furniture and Equipment	20,000.00
Police Department Equipment	67,850.00
Fire Department, Land and Buildings	240,000.00
Equipment	985,000.00
Highway Department, Land and Buildings	232,800.00
Equipment	615,750.00
Town Hall, Furniture and Equipment	50,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	
Coffin Pond	26,000.00
Woodland	
Creamery Pond	22,900.00
Land - Pearl Lake Road	19,400.00
Land - Route 117	2,400.00
Land - Route 93	3,400.00
Cemeteries	<u>13,900.00</u>
Total	\$2,707,400.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the Voters of the Town of Sugar Hill:

I herewith submit my report of the financial doings of my office for the year 2008:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$138,452.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	437.00	
Marriage & Civil Union Licenses:	380.00	
Other Permits and Fees:	<u>4,553.60</u>	
Total		\$143,822.60

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$138,452.00	
Local Town Clerk Fees:	1,021.00	
State Town Clerk Fees:	2,574.00	
Title Application Fees:	334.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	437.00	
Dog License Fees:	100.00	
Dog License Late Fees:	15.00	
Marriage & Civil Union Licenses Issued:	380.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	70.00	
Vital Statistics (First Copy):	144.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	72.00	
Vital Statistics (Second Copy):	60.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	36.00	
UCC Filing Fee:	90.00	
Town Filing Fees:	7.00	
Bank Error:	.60	
Insufficient Funds Fees:	<u>30.00</u>	
Total		\$143,822.60

Respectfully submitted,
Lissa M. Boissonneault
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2008

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes –		
Beginning of	Levies of	Levies of
Fiscal Year:	2008	2007
Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$161,037.81
Land Use Change	0.00	6,629.74
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00
Taxes Committed This Year:		
Property Taxes	2,525,620.82	0.00
Land Use Change	20,650.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	2,990.48	0.00
Overpayment:		
Costs before Lien	0.00	600.00
Interest Late Tax	<u>1,675.62</u>	<u>7,013.43</u>
Total Debits	\$2,550,936.92	\$175,280.98

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
During Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes	\$2,397,394.94	\$ 120,216.21
Land Use Change	20,040.00	6,629.74
Yield Taxes	2,990.48	0.00
Interest	1,675.62	7,013.43
Penalties	0.00	473.25
Conversion to Lien	0.00	40,821.60
Costs Not Liened	0.00	126.75
Abatements Made:		
Property Taxes	784.70	0.00
Refunds	610.00	0.00
Uncollected Taxes End of Year:		
Property Taxes	<u>127,441.18</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Credits	\$2,550,936.92	\$175,280.98

SUMMARY OF LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

DEBITS

	2007	2006	2005
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance Beginning			
of Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$25,455.01	\$ 14,977.59
Liens Executed			
During Fiscal Year	43,842.15	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs			
Collected After			
Lien Execution	<u>1,212.84</u>	<u>3,903.47</u>	<u>5,612.34</u>
Total Debits	\$45,054.99	\$29,358.48	\$20,589.93

CREDITS

	2007	2006	2005
Remittances to Treasurer:			
Redemptions	\$31,371.79	\$23,471.14	\$14,977.59
Interest & Cost			
After Lien Execution	1,212.84	3,393.33	5,612.34
Abatements of			
Unredeemed Liens	535.81	719.10	0.00
Unredeemed Liens			
Balance End of			
Fiscal Year	<u>11,934.55</u>	<u>1,774.91</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Credits	\$45,054.99	\$29,358.48	\$20,589.93

UNREDEEMED PROPERTY TAXES FROM TAX LIEN

BY ORDER OF THE SELECTMEN THE FOLLOWING LIST IS
INCLUDED PER 1997 TOWN MEETING

	2007	2006
Caporelli, Mary A. & Patricia	\$ 1,961.53	\$1,774.91
Corliss, Langford	2,289.90	0.00
Ledgeland, Inc.	<u>7,683.12</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Totals	\$11,934.55	\$1,774.91

TREASURER'S REPORT
Year Ending December 31, 2008
Cash Basis

Beginning Cash Balance Checking, January 1, 2008	\$168,889.58
Beginning Cash Balance Savings, January 1, 2008	<u>351,430.40</u>
Total	\$520,319.98

RECEIPTS

Tax Collector	\$2,677,296.82	
Town Clerk	143,822.60	
Selectmen	98,253.25	
Loan Proceeds (Tax Anticipation Notes)	200,000.00	
Transfers (Trust & Capital Reserve Funds)	90,314.67	
State & Federal Grants	22,172.47	
Interest on Savings & Now Account	<u>1,845.70</u>	
Total Receipts		\$3,233,705.51

DISBURSEMENTS

Orders of Selectmen	\$2,774,341.80	
Loans Repayments	<u>200,000.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$2,974,341.80</u>
Ending Cash Balance NOW Checking, December 31, 2008		\$778,950.33
Ending Cash Balance Savings, December 31, 2008		733.36
Total		<u><u>\$779,683.69</u></u>

SAVINGS AND CHECKING ACCOUNTS

POLICE PERMIT ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance 1/1/08	\$1,204.36	
Deposits	80.00	
Withdrawals	(54.00)	
Interest Earned	<u>4.69</u>	
Balance 12/31/08		\$1,235.05

CONSERVATION LAND USE FUND

Beginning Balance 1/1/08	\$38,257.72	
Deposits	15,166.86	
Interest Earned	<u>1,006.73</u>	
Balance 12/31/08		\$54,431.31

RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Beginning Balance 1/1/08	\$1,129.66	
Deposits:	200.00	
Interest Earned:	1.68	
Withdrawals: (Serino Scholarship)	<u>(205.00)</u>	
Balance 12/31/08		\$1,126.34

RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Beginning Balance 1/1/08	\$2,108.33	
Deposits	2,058.83	
Withdrawals	(1,598.00)	
Interest Earned	9.80	
Service Charge	<u>(1.95)</u>	
Ending Balance 12/31/08		\$2,577.01

Respectfully submitted,
Amy M. Venezia, Treasurer

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Cash Basis

Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year	\$2,397,394.94
Yield Taxes, Current Year	2,990.48
Yield Tax Interest	3.24
Property Tax Interest and Cost, Current Year	2,272.38
Property Taxes, Prior Year	160,437.62
Current Use Change, Current Year	20,040.00
Current Use Change, Prior Year	6,629.74
Current Use Interest	336.75
Property Tax Interest and Costs, Prior Year	6,676.68
Lien Redemptions, Prior Years	70,296.48
Lien Interest & Penalties, Prior Years	<u>10,218.51</u>

Total Taxes Collected

\$2,677,296.82

From Local Sources and Miscellaneous, except Taxes:

Motor Vehicle Permits	138,452.00
Town Clerk Fees	1,021.00
State Fees	2,574.00
Title Application Fees	334.00
Dog Licenses, Fees, Penalty	552.00
Marriage Licenses	450.00
Vital Statistics	312.00
Insufficient Fund Fees & Bank Error	30.60
UCC Filing Fees	90.00
Filing Fees	<u>7.00</u>

Total Town Clerk

143,822.60

Building Permits	1,085.00
Driveway Permits	105.00
Police Department Revenue	1,895.14
Zoning Board Fees	300.00
Planning Board Fees	2,375.00
Selectmen	456.88
Cemetery	750.00
Conservation Commission	59.00
Rent of Town Property	700.00
Insurance Reimbursements	2,524.08
Cable TV Permit	<u>888.66</u>

Total Miscellaneous

11,138.76

From State:		
Highway Block	44,544.70	
Revenue Sharing Block	13,910.00	
Rooms and Meals	28,659.79	
State & Federal Grants	<u>22,172.47</u>	
Total From State & Federal Grants		109,286.96
Interest on Checking & Savings Account	1,845.70	
Capital Reserve Funds	90,314.67	
Temporary Loans (TAN Notes)	<u>200,000.00</u>	
Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue		<u>292,160.37</u>
Total Receipts From All Sources		3,233,705.51
Cash on Hand, January 1, 2008		520,319.98
Grand Total of Receipts		\$3,754,025.49

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

General Government:

Executive	\$ 42,860.58	
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	19,243.98	
Financial Administration	23,014.32	
Revaluation of Property	23,342.75	
Legal Expenses	6,098.04	
General Government Buildings	40,346.38	
Rent Crapo Building	35,000.00	
Grounds and Maintenance	36,615.60	
Planning Board	4,470.77	
Zoning Board of Adjustment	131.80	
Advertising & Regional Associations	7,436.22	
Cemeteries	6,295.62	
Insurance	124,406.57	
Payroll Taxes	<u>21,362.48</u>	
Total General Government Expenses		\$390,625.11

Public Safety:

Police Department	154,828.38	
Fire Department	64,627.55	
Franconia Life Squad/ Ross Ambulance	3,715.00	
Emergency Management	<u>90.00</u>	
Total Public Safety Expenses		223,260.93

Highway, Streets and Bridges:

Town Maintenance	129,273.92	
General Expenses of Highway Department	134,725.27	
Highway Block Grant	44,544.70	
Highway Roadwork Non – Lapsing Fund	50,000.00	
Street Lighting	<u>7,516.44</u>	
Total Highways, Streets and Bridges Expenses		366,060.33

Sanitation:

Solid Waste Disposal	<u>39,738.00</u>	
Total Sanitation		39,738.00

Health:

Health, Hospitals	<u>4,050.00</u>	
Total Health Expenses		4,050.00

Welfare:

Assistance	<u>3,463.67</u>	
Total Welfare Expenses		3,463.67

Culture and Recreation:		
Library	13,790.81	
Recreation	20,558.00	
Patriotic	<u>750.00</u>	
Total Culture and Recreation Expenses		35,098.81
Conservation:		
Conservation Commission	611.60	
Current Use Conservation Fund	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Total Conservation Expenses		10,611.60
Debt. Service:		
Interest Expense – Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>1,175.34</u>	
Total Debt. Service Payments		1,175.34
Transfers to Capital Reserve Funds & Trusts:		
Article #5 Highway Equipment	50,000.00	
Article #7 Police	12,000.00	
Article #8 Fire Department HE	25,000.00	
Article #9 Meetinghouse	5,000.00	
Article #10 Crapo Building	5,000.00	
Article #11 Fire Department Building	10,000.00	
Article #12 Bridge	<u>50,000.00</u>	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		157,000.00
Capital Vehicles/Equipment/Buildings:		
Highway Truck & Equipment	54,893.00	
Bridges Survey & Plans (Indian Brook)	2,245.00	
Meetinghouse (roof & misc repairs)	32,389.57	
Crapo	<u>787.10</u>	
Total Capital Expense		90,314.67
Miscellaneous:		
Taxes Bought by Town	<u>43,306.34</u>	
Total Miscellaneous Expenses		43,306.34
Unclassified:		
Payments – Tax Anticipation	<u>200,000.00</u>	
Total Unclassified Expenses		200,000.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions:		
Taxes Paid to County	184,676.00	
Payments to School Districts	<u>1,224,961.00</u>	
Total Payments to Other Government Divisions		<u>1,409,637.00</u>
Grand Total of Expenditures		\$2,974,341.80

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Executive:

Selectmen - Salary	\$ 4,800.00
Administrative - Gaudette	19,789.37
Hourly Help - Andross	6,283.50
Moderator - Salary	100.00
Workshops	425.78
Bank Fees	5.00
Telephone	1,131.97
Computer Services, Internet, Equipment	2,958.40
Mapping	1,765.00
Registry	49.26
Printing/Notices	2,038.00
Dues & Subscriptions	1,217.94
Office Supplies	1,140.18
Postage	526.63
Books & Periodicals	369.55
Misc Expense	<u>260.00</u>

Total Executive Expenses

\$ 42,860.58

Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Checklist - Salary	675.00
Ballot Clerks - Salary	895.00
Town Clerk - Boissonneault	5,401.46
Workshops	35.00
Computer - Programs, Training, Equipment	4,633.60
Telephone	345.73
Printing/Notices	286.75
Office Supplies	971.83
Postage	51.56
MV Fees Town	1,531.50
State MV Fees	2,574.00
Title Fees	334.00
Vital Statistics	217.50
Vital Fees	108.00
UCC Fees	90.00
Dog Licenses	282.50
Dog Fees	100.00
Marriage Licenses	380.00
Marriage Fees	70.00
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>260.55</u>

Total Election, Registration & Vital Statistics

19,243.98

Financial Administration:

Tax Collector - Boissonneault	4,635.08
Dep Tax / Trusts - Andross	7,386.00

Treasurer	1,750.00	
Auditor	1,050.00	
Assessing	133.00	
Dues	20.00	
Bank Fees	230.86	
Telephone	425.86	
Computer - Program, Training & Equipment	4,554.03	
Research Lien	247.00	
Registry	195.19	
Office Supplies	1,051.55	
Printing	280.50	
Postage	867.25	
Lien Fees	<u>188.00</u>	
Total Financial Administration Expenses		23,014.32
Total Revaluation		23,342.75
Total Legal Expenses		6,098.04
Payroll Taxes:		
Sugar Hill FICA (Town Contribution)	16,218.07	
Sugar Hill Medicare (Town Contribution)	5,133.17	
Payroll - Other	<u>11.24</u>	
Total Payroll Taxes Expense		21,362.48
Planning Board:		
Secretary - Salary	1,384.75	
Computer	2,470.05	
Books	135.00	
Grafton County Registry	52.00	
Printing/Notices	66.75	
Office Supplies	7.19	
Postage	<u>355.03</u>	
Total Planning Board Expenses		4,470.77
Zoning Board:		
Secretary	94.25	
Notices	<u>37.55</u>	
Total Zoning Board Expenses		131.80
Government Buildings:		
Eleonore Card - Salary	11,007.42	
Telephone (Elevator)	755.28	
Notices	150.00	
Electricity (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	3,968.69	
Heating Oil (Crapo & Meetinghouse)	12,313.75	
Maintenance - Purchased	7,035.94	
Supplies	<u>1,568.33</u>	

Rent	35,000.00	
Clock Maintenance	1,520.00	
Propane	<u>2,026.97</u>	
Total Government Buildings Expenses		75,346.38
Grounds & Maintenance:		
Lloyd Card - Salary	26,837.05	
Marc Venezia	6,089.50	
Maintenance & Repair	150.96	
Gasoline	1,384.70	
Diesel	449.20	
Groundskeeping	983.75	
Vehicle Repair	<u>720.44</u>	
Total Grounds & Maintenance Expenses		36,615.60
Crapo Capital Reserve :		787.10
Meetinghouse Capital Reserve:		32,389.57
Cemeteries:		
Maintenance	121.94	
Flags	389.70	
Equipment	458.98	
Tree Removal	2,025.00	
Stone Cleaning	<u>3,300.00</u>	
Total Cemeteries Expenses		6,295.62
Insurance:		
Health - Building & Grounds	15,052.68	
Highway	49,423.05	
Police	25,413.55	
Retiree (reimbursed)	2,524.08	
Dental (All Departments)	7,093.33	
Property Liability	15,365.25	
Worker's Compensation	<u>9,534.63</u>	
Total Insurance Expenses		124,406.57
Total Advertising & Regional Associations Expenses		7,436.22
Ambulance:		
Ross Ambulance	1,715.00	
Franconia Life Squad	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Total Ambulance Expenses		3,715.00
Police Department:		
Chief David Wentworth	54,383.06	
Officer Brandon Walker	38,046.23	
Officer Philip Blanchard	2,450.00	
Police Retirement	10,943.71	

Prosecutor	498.00
Training	855.11
8123 Line	241.41
Telephone	2,093.81
Computer Services	2,502.50
Dispatch Service	19,498.16
Medical Services	69.69
Photo Lab	152.58
Uniforms	1,441.63
Firearms	209.50
Dues	2,600.00
Supplies	1,243.17
Office Supplies	715.85
Radio Maintenance	466.95
Equipment Maintenance	200.00
Vehicle Maintenance	2,181.82
Postage	40.00
Gasoline	9,221.00
Books & Periodicals	254.95
New Equipment	<u>4,519.25</u>

Total Police Department Expenses

154,828.38

Fire Department:

Salaries	22,575.00
Mileage	449.76
Training	1,723.97
Telephone	527.92
Information Line 8123	241.41
Computer Services	534.20
Dispatching Services	3,440.84
Electric	1,305.18
Heating Oil	5,619.12
Building Maintenance	3,733.25
Uniforms & Protective Clothing	3,753.08
Dues	488.94
Supplies	1,373.37
Postage	44.00
Books & Periodicals	70.00
Diesel Fuel	1,364.25
Vehicle Maintenance	7,047.62
Equipment Maintenance	854.00
Radio Maintenance	1,586.60
New & Replacement Equipment	5,059.84
Communication Equipment	1,836.00
Fire Pond Maintenance	<u>999.20</u>

Total Fire Department Expenses

64,627.55

Total Emergency Management	90.00
Town Maintenance:	
Douglas Glover - Salary	55,798.01
Brett Hucksoll	44,498.34
Wes Griffith	20,106.64
Roger Odell	105.00
Retirement	<u>8,765.93</u>
Total Town Maintenance	129,273.92
General Highway Department:	
Engineer	1,800.00
Tuition	150.00
Telephone	1,500.92
Computer	854.40
Medical Services	55.00
Electricity	2,448.67
Heating Oil	4,511.47
Building Maintenance	2,286.63
Uniforms	3,203.44
Dues	20.00
Supplies	2,912.15
Office Supplies	38.47
Shop Supplies	3,269.00
Gasoline	2,825.90
Propane	67.56
Diesel Fuel	22,281.26
Vehicle Maintenance	9,788.02
Equipment Maintenance	12,401.12
Radio Maintenance	583.65
Street Maintenance	57,790.49
New Equipment	<u>5,937.12</u>
Total General Highway Department	134,725.27
Roadwork Non-lapsing Account	50,000.00
Highway Dept. Truck & Equipment (CRF)	54,893.00
Bridge CRF	2,245.00
Total Street Lighting Expenses	7,516.44
Total Highway Block Grant Expenses	44,544.70
Total Solid Waste Disposal Expenses	39,738.00
Total Health & Hospitals Agencies Expenses	4,050.00
Total Welfare Expenses	3,463.67
Total Parks & Recreation Expenses	20,558.00

Library:		
Librarian - Salary	6,821.53	
Telephone	391.01	
Computer	315.00	
Supplies	13.93	
Postage	84.00	
Books & Periodicals	<u>6,165.34</u>	
Total Library Expenses		13,790.81
Patriotic:		
Lafayette Lions Parade	150.00	
Town Party	<u>600.00</u>	
Total Patriotic Expenses		750.00
Conservation Commission:		
Workshops	100.00	
Printing/Notices	87.50	
Office Expense	32.55	
Permit - Wetlands	25.00	
Planting - Lafayette	270.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>96.55</u>	
Total Conservation Commission Expenses		611.60
Current Use Land Use Change - Conservation Fund		10,000.00
Total Tax Anticipation Notes Payment		200,000.00
Total Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes		1,175.34
Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds:		
Meetinghouse	5,000.00	
Highway Department HE	50,000.00	
Fire Department HE	25,000.00	
Fire Department Building	10,000.00	
Police Department	12,000.00	
Bridgework	50,000.00	
Crapo Building	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total Transfers - Capital Reserve Funds		157,000.00
Total Taxes Paid - County		184,676.00
Total Taxes Paid - School District		1,224,961.00
Total Taxes Bought by the Town		<u>43,306.34</u>
Total Detailed Expenses		\$2,974,341.80

The enclosed reports are from the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the year 2008.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS
Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2008

PRINCIPAL

INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance		Gains or (Losses) on		Balance		Balance		Income		Expended		Balance		Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
		Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	End of Year	Beginning of Year	During Year	End of Year	During Year	During Year	During Year	End of Year	End of Year	End of Year	
06/19/76	Highway Dept. CRF	\$ 27,121.41	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 54,256.35	\$ 22,865.06	\$ 0.00	\$ 636.02	\$ 0.00	\$ 636.02	\$ 636.02	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 22,865.06	
06/23/76	Police Department CRF	22,656.47	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	34,656.47	0.00	569.53	0.00	569.53	569.53	0.00	569.53	569.53	35,226.00	
12/31/91	Meetinghouse CRF	31,613.24	5,000.00	0.00	31,608.08	5,005.16	0.00	781.49	0.00	781.49	781.49	0.00	781.49	0.00	5,005.16	
03/17/99	Highway Dept. Roadwork CRF	690.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	690.45	408.23	27.00	0.00	27.00	27.00	0.00	435.23	435.23	1,125.68	
08/01/04	Carolina Crapo CRF	1,998.15	5,000.00	0.00	733.02	6,265.13	0.00	54.08	0.00	54.08	54.08	0.00	54.08	0.00	6,265.13	
07/19/93	Fire Department CRF	53,963.27	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	78,963.27	4,240.35	1,456.69	0.00	1,456.69	1,456.69	0.00	5,697.04	5,697.04	84,660.31	
08/09/06	Highway Bridge	60,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	110,000.00	1,773.70	1,570.32	0.00	1,570.32	2,245.00	2,245.00	1,099.02	1,099.02	111,099.02	
11/20/08	Fire Department Building	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	10.32	0.00	10.32	10.32	0.00	10.32	10.32	10,010.32	

TOTAL CAPITAL

RESERVE FUNDS	\$ 198,042.99	\$ 157,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 86,597.45	\$ 268,445.54	\$ 6,422.28	\$ 5,105.45	\$ 3,716.59	\$ 7,811.14	\$ 276,256.68
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All Funds Invested 100%.

All Funds are Bank Deposits at Connecticut River Bank N.A. or PDIP.

Respectfully,
David McPhaul
Chairman, Trustee of the Trust Funds

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2008

PRINCIPAL INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on		Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
				Securities	Sale of						
10/09/75	Sunnyside Care Fund (1)	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 698.74	\$ 312.08	\$ 1,010.82	\$ 13,010.82
09/21/73	Louise Leazott Trust (1)	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	531.49	25.19	556.68	1,056.68
11/05/43	Annie Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	128.46	7.18	135.64	285.64
11/03/37	Frank E. Bowles Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	128.46	7.18	135.64	285.64
10/18/56	J. L. & Gertrude Bowles Trust (1)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	71.31	4.18	75.49	175.49
07/11/84	Hersom Murray Trust (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	85.61	5.83	91.44	241.44
10/09/75	Anker Trust (2)	3,500.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.79	1,249.62	116.85	1,366.47	4,867.26
10/09/75	Sunnyside Cemetery Fund (3)	18,048.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,048.09	5,651.68	582.57	6,234.25	24,282.34

TOTAL CEMETERY

TRUST FUNDS	\$ 34,598.88	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 34,598.88	\$ 8,545.37	\$ 1,061.06	\$ 9,606.43	\$ 44,205.31
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- (1) Interest only may be used for lot care.
 - (2) Funds may be used at discretion of Cemetery Trustees.
 - (3) Funds may only be used for Sunnyside Maintenance.
- All Funds Invested 100%.
All Funds are deposited in PDIP.

Respectfully,
David McPhaul
Chairman, Trustee of the Trust Funds

LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds – December 31, 2008

PRINCIPAL

Gains or

INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	(Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Grand Total of Principal & Income End of Year
10/09/75	Gladys Jessiman Memorial Trust	\$ 1,841.23	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,841.23	\$ 48.48	\$ 200.00	\$ 151.29	\$ 1,992.52
09/21/73	Fredericka Harnes Fund	1,564.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,564.10	49.35	0.00	492.88	2,056.98
11/05/43	Alice Smith Fund	903.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	903.50	28.42	0.00	284.91	1,188.41
1/22/2001	Richardson Memorial Trust	<u>73,984.55</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>73,984.55</u>	<u>1,964.18</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>7,882.08</u>	<u>81,866.63</u>

TOTAL LIBRARY

TRUST FUNDS

\$ 78,293.38	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,920.73	\$ 2,090.43	\$ 200.00	\$ 8,811.16	\$ 87,104.54
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All Funds Invested 100%.

All Funds are deposited in PDIP or CD's.

Respectfully,
David McPhaul
Chairman, Trustee of the Trust Funds

AUDITOR'S REPORT

At the last Town Meeting the Town of Sugar Hill voted to terminate the elected position of Town Auditor as of March 10, 2009. I had hoped that an auditor would have been appointed by now. Alas the wheels of government grind slow and halting, so I have again done the job with excellent help from Ralph Brigida.

With the same lovely ladies in charge, Jennifer Gaudette, Elizabeth Andross, Lissa Boissonneault and Amy Venezia all things are great. The office has been successful in finding ways to increase our interest income on available funds. The Government Accounting Standards Board requirements are beyond comprehension and have been ignored. The inventory of Town Equipment & Buildings has not been done much to the distress of the Town Auditor. Manana!

Respectfully submitted,
William Pinney
Volunteer Town Auditor

CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT

The year 2008 saw the continuation of projects the Trustees had approved. John Hanks of Littleton Monument continued the work of cleaning and repairing the older monuments in Sunnyside Cemetery. We will continue this project in 2009 until all of Sunnyside's older monuments are in good condition. Trees were removed this year from both Sunnyside and the Streeter Pond Cemeteries.

We would like to once again thank Ellie and Lloyd Card for their outstanding maintenance of the grounds. Additional thanks to Doug Glover and his crew for the road maintenance and to Lorraine Hunt for remembering our Veterans with flags for Memorial Day.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Perlo, Chairman
Nancy Aldrich
Holly Hayward
Meri Hern
Kathleen Jablonski
Cemetery Trustees

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

2008 was more business as usual with a couple of unforeseen variables. One of the more difficult tasks was coping with the wildly fluctuating oil prices. The price of a barrel of oil had huge impacts on road maintenance, heating fuel, gasoline and diesel. We are still wary of what this year will bring. We have made savings in consumption and by readjusting department budgets have been able to stay within the overall budget.

One piece of business from last year that is still pending is the acquisition of the Crapo Building and land. The Attorney General's Office gave its seal of approval late fall and now we are awaiting Superior Courts approval of the deal. More on this in the Sugar Hill Improvement Association's report in the following pages. At last year's Town Meeting you approved a \$750,000 Bond issue and further raised \$74,000 for Long Term Notes and Interest. The approval of the Bond issue is still valid and when the court approves the transaction we will proceed with the acquisition of the Bond. In the meantime the \$74,000 for the note and interest was not spent and shows up in the unexpended column of the Balance Sheet. This item is included again in this year's budget.

Now, the next question often asked what happens to unexpected funds after the audit for the fiscal year? (January 1 – December 31) The funds are carried on the audit report (MS-5) as an unreserved fund balance. This report is filed with the NH Department of Revenue Administration and the funds can not be further expended by the Town Officers. The following October, the DRA meets with the Selectmen and sets the tax rate based on the amount of funds approved at the previous March Town Meeting, credits developed by the Town from Meals & Room Tax, Highway Block Funding, Motor Vehicle Registration etc. The Department of Revenue Administration requires that you retain a balance equal to 5% of the towns' total appropriation in the unreserved fund balance. We may then use the excess when setting the tax rate. At the end of 2007 we retained \$174,683 and used the rest as a credit on the tax rate.

That is a rather convoluted way of assuring the voters that the \$74,000 raised last year for the Crapo purchase will be used as a credit for the 2009 tax rate which will be set in October of 2009.

We wish to thank the citizens that are volunteers to our various boards and positions. They spend many hours in these efforts and are what makes Town Government work for Sugar Hill.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry L. Reid
Chairman
Board of Selectmen

TOWN OF SUGAR HILL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sugar Hill, in the County of Grafton, and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, will be held at the Meetinghouse on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., to act on the following subjects:

Polls will open at 11 a.m. for voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of Town Officers) Polls will close at 7:30 p.m. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon starting at 7:30 p.m.

ARTICLE 1: To vote by nonpartisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

- One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Town Clerk to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Tax Collector to serve for a term of one (1) year
- An Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years
- One Trustee of the Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years
- Two Board of Adjustment members to serve for a term of three (3) years
- Two Board of Cemetery Trustees to serve for a term of three (3) years
- And such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

ARTICLE 2: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Executive	\$38,700.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	16,955.00
Payroll Taxes	28,000.00
Financial Administration.....	24,300.00
Property Revaluation	24,000.00
Legal Expenses	6,000.00
Planning Board	2,080.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	5,800.00
Insurance.....	146,852.00
General Government Buildings	73,257.00
Rent	35,000.00
Buildings & Grounds	36,529.00
Cemetery.....	7,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	7,437.00
North Country Council.....	937.00
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce.....	6,500.00
Police Department.....	158,777.00
Fire Department	65,600.00
Ambulance	3,785.00

Emergency Management	500.00
Town Maintenance	149,761.00
General Highway Department Expense	129,991.00
Highway Block Grant	46,731.00
Street Lighting	7,500.00
Solid Waste Disposal	40,167.00
Health, Hospitals.....	3,866.00
North Country Home Health	1,613.00
Grafton County Senior	300.00
American Red Cross	250.00
WM Mental Health	678.00
Littleton Hospital	525.00
Ammonoosuc Community Health.....	500.00
Welfare	6,000.00
Tri County Cap.....	820.00
Unemployment.....	100.00
Library	15,000.00
Parks and Recreation.....	26,304.00
North Country YMCA	150.00
Patriotic Purposes	750.00
Conservation Commission	750.00
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation Notes	2,500.00
Long Term Notes	30,000.00
Interest Long Term Notes	44,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$1,149,492.00

The Selectmen recommend these Appropriations.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the accumulated income from the Cemetery Trust Funds.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be used for Highway Department Roadwork. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the fund is expended or in 3 years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required)

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created in 1976.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be placed in the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund created in 1991.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in the Carolina Crapo Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Fire Department Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2008.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the Highway Department Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2006.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to establish the Highway Department Building Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of providing for the maintenance of the Highway Department's buildings and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in said fund and name the Selectmen as agents of the Town to expend the fund for the objectives stated in this article.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Six Thousand Twenty Five Dollars (\$46,025) to purchase new bunker gear, with Forty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$43,922) to come from a federal grant and the remaining Two Thousand One Hundred and Three Dollars (\$2,103) to come from taxation.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred (\$6,500) to purchase 2.0 acres of land located on Map 218, Lots 6, 7 & 8 for the Highway Department use and to authorize the Selectmen to acquire the land.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for roof repairs to the Sugar Hill Historical Museum as determined by the Museum's Board of Directors. (This article by petition)

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500) for the Sugar Hill share of the cost of the addition to the Tri-Town Transfer Station Building.

ARTICLE 17: Are you in favor of adopting the law to regulate burglar/panic/fire alarms. A copy of the proposed ordinance is posted with a copy of the warrant and copies of the proposed ordinance are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

ARTICLE 18: "Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the Conservation Commission to expend funds for contributions to 'qualified organizations' for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualifying organization and the Town will retain no interest in the property?"

ARTICLE 19: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 23rd day of February, Two Thousand and Nine.

SUGAR HILL BOARD OF SELECTMEN
John J. Strasser, III
Richard Bielefield
Harry L. Reid

RETURN OF POSTING

We hereby attest that the within Warrant is a true copy of the Warrant for the Town Meeting described therein, and further certify that we have caused to be posted an attested copy of this Warrant at the place of the Meeting and a like copy in one other public place in the Town of Sugar Hill, namely the Sugar Hill Post Office fourteen (14) days before the day of the Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, not counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

SUGAR HILL BOARD OF SELECTMEN
John J. Strasser, III
Richard Bielefield
Harry L. Reid

This Warrant and Return of Posting has been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, this 23rd day of February, 2009.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL – REVENUE
(Modified Accrual Basis)

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2008	Actual 2008	Estimated 2009
Taxes:			
Yield Taxes	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,990.00	\$ 2,500.00
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	10,000.00	19,508.00	10,000.00
Land Use Change Tax	10,000.00	20,040.00	5,000.00
Intergovernmental Revenues - State:			
Shared Revenue - Block Grant	13,910.00	13,910.00	13,910.00
Highway Block Grant	44,696.00	44,545.00	46,730.00
Rooms & Meals	20,000.00	28,660.00	20,000.00
Licenses and Permits:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	130,000.00	142,381.00	130,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	2,000.00	1,351.00	2,000.00
Building Permits	750.00	2,079.00	500.00
Business Licenses & Permits	0.00	90.00	0.00
From Federal Government:	0.00	0.00	43,922.00
From State Government: Grants	0.00	22,172.00	0.00
Charges For Services:			
Income from Departments	5,000.00	11,083.00	5,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue:			
Interest on Deposits	1,000.00	2,857.00	1,500.00
Sales of Municipal Property	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Rent of Town Property	500.00	700.00	500.00
Other Refunds & Insurance:			
Reimbursements	10,100.00	2,524.00	4,791.00
Interfund Operating Transfers In:			
Withdrawals – Trusts, Conservation, CRF	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Other Financing Sources:			
Proceeds Long Term Notes & Bonds	750,000.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Balance (“Surplus”)	<u>60,000.00</u>	<u>30,000.00</u>	<u>74,000.00</u>
Total Revenues and Credits	<u><u>\$1,061,456.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$344,890.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$361,853.00</u></u>

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL EXPENDITURES

(Modified Accrual Basis)

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriation 2008	Actual 2008	Estimated 2009
General Government:			
Executive	\$ 48,510.00	\$ 42,860.00	\$ 38,700.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	19,710.00	19,244.00	16,955.00
Financial Administration	25,000.00	23,014.00	24,300.00
Revaluation of Property	24,480.00	23,343.00	24,000.00
Personnel Administration	24,900.00	21,362.00	28,000.00
Legal Expenses	6,000.00	6,098.00	6,000.00
General Government and			
Building and Grounds	118,366.00	111,962.00	109,786.00
Cemeteries	7,500.00	6,296.00	7,500.00
Planning & Zoning	5,800.00	4,603.00	7,880.00
Insurance	131,409.00	124,407.00	146,852.00
Advertising & Regional Association	7,550.00	7,436.00	7,437.00
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	0.00	100.00
Public Safety:			
Police Department	161,495.00	154,828.00	158,777.00
Fire Department	66,100.00	64,628.00	65,600.00
Ambulance	3,715.00	3,715.00	3,785.00
Emergency Management	500.00	90.00	500.00
Highways, Streets and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance	127,056.00	129,274.00	149,761.00
General Highway	137,208.00	134,725.00	129,991.00
Highway Block Grant	44,699.00	44,545.00	46,731.00
Street Lighting	7,000.00	7,516.00	7,500.00
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Disposal	39,163.00	39,738.00	40,167.00
Health:			
Health and Hospitals	4,050.00	4,050.00	3,866.00
Welfare:			
Assistance	6,000.00	3,464.00	6,000.00
Culture and Recreation:			
Library	15,000.00	13,791.00	15,000.00
Parks and Recreation and YMCA	21,835.00	20,558.00	26,304.00
Patriotic Purposes	750.00	750.00	750.00

Conservation:			
Conservation Commission	2,500.00	612.00	750.00
Debt Service:			
Principal Long Term Bonds	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
Interest Long Term Bonds	44,000.00	0.00	44,000.00
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>1,175.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$1,134,396.00</u>	<u>\$1,014,084.00</u>	<u>\$1,149,492.00</u>
Special Warrant Articles Recommended			262,000.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended			69,025.00
Total Appropriations Recommended			\$1,480,517.00
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits			<u>361,853.00</u>
Amount Of Taxes To Be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)			\$1,118,664.00

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
(Year Ending December 31, 2008)**

	Appropriation 2008	Actual 2008	Unexpended or Overdrafts
Executive	\$ 48,510.00	\$42,860.58	\$ 5,649.42
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	19,710.00	19,243.98	466.02
Financial Administration	25,000.00	23,014.32	1,985.68
Revaluation of Property	24,480.00	23,342.75	1,137.25
Payroll Taxes	24,900.00	21,362.48	3,537.52
Legal Expenses	6,000.00	6,098.04	(98.04)
Government Buildings	81,799.00	75,346.38	6,452.62
Buildings and Grounds	36,567.00	36,615.60	(48.60)
Cemeteries	7,500.00	6,295.62	1,204.38
Planning Board	5,000.00	4,470.77	529.23
Zoning Board	800.00	131.80	668.20
Insurance	131,409.00	124,406.57	7,002.43
Advertising and Regional Association	7,550.00	7,436.22	113.78
Police Department	161,495.00	154,828.38	6,666.62
Fire Department	66,100.00	64,627.55	1,472.45
Ambulance	3,715.00	3,715.00	0.00
Emergency Management	500.00	90.00	410.00
Town Maintenance	127,056.00	129,273.92	(2,217.92)
General Highway	137,208.00	134,725.27	2,482.73
Highway Block	44,699.00	44,544.70	154.30
Street Lighting	7,000.00	7,516.44	(516.44)
Solid Waste Disposal	39,163.00	39,738.00	(575.00)
Health and Hospitals	4,050.00	4,050.00	0.00
Welfare	6,000.00	3,463.67	2,536.33
Unemployment	100.00	0.00	100.00
Library	15,000.00	13,790.81	1,209.19
Parks & Recreation	21,835.00	20,558.00	1,277.00
Patriotic Purposes	750.00	750.00	0.00
Conservation Commission	2,500.00	611.60	1,888.40
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	4,000.00	1,175.34	2,824.66
Long Term Notes	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
Interest Long Term Notes	44,000.00	0.00	44,000.00
	<u>\$1,134,396.00</u>	<u>\$1,014,083.79</u>	<u>\$120,312.21</u>
Capital Reserve Funds	157,000.00	157,000.00	0.00
Article #7 Roadwork Non Lapsing	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
Grand Total	\$1,341,396.00	\$1,221,083.79	\$120,312.21

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District met five (5) times during 2008. This past year District programs provided residents access for proper disposal of their household hazardous wastes (HHW), paint, fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze and rechargeable batteries.

The District held two one-day HHW collections in 2008 (Lisbon and Plymouth). 204 vehicles serving an estimated 490 residents took part in the "program". This was an increase of 24 vehicles from 2007. There were also towns that brought waste that had been dropped off at their transfer stations since the last collections held in the fall of '07.

Table 1. 2008 Participation Results

Year	# of Collections	Program Population	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served *	Percentage of Population Served (est.)
2008	2	29,971	204	490	1.63%

Table 2. 2004 – 2008 Participation Results

Year	# of Collections	Program Population	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served *	Percentage of Population Served (est.)
2004	3	26,627	253	607	2.27%
2005	3	26,627	209	502	1.88%
2006	3	26,627	386	926	3.48%
2007	2	29,971	180	432	1.44%
2008	2	29,971	204	490	1.63%

* Derived by multiplying the number of vehicles by 2.4 (the average household size)

The total cost for the one-day collection program was \$28,680, which was a 27% increase from 2007. Income to offset this expenditure was received from participating non-District towns (\$2,875) and the NHDES HHW grant program (\$7,300), resulting in a net cost of \$18,505. The cost increase for the 2008 program can be attributed to three factors; (1) An increase in the amount of non-processable paints collected, (2) an increase in the amount of pesticides collected, and (3) a significant increase in the charges associated with the Materials Recovery Fee (MRF) – see table 5. The MRF correlates with the price of diesel fuel. Due to high diesel prices at the time of the collections, the District was assessed a fee rate of 17.5%. The rise in the amount of money the District has paid in MRFs in recent years is a concern. As part of a coordinated program with North Country Council (NCC), the District will be looking at proposals from a number of HHW contractors to determine if there are more cost effective means to manage the one-day collection program in 2009.

Table 3. 2008 Program Costs

Year	Program Pop.	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served	Total Costs (Disposal & Fees)	Cost/ Capita	Cost/ Vehicle
2008	29,971	204	490	\$28,680	\$.96	\$141

Table 4. 2004 – 2008 Program Costs

Year	Program Pop.	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served	Total Costs (Disposal & Fees)	Cost/ Capita	Cost/ Vehicle
2004	26,627	253	607	\$22,342	\$.84	\$88
2005	26,627	209	502	\$22,015	\$.83	\$105
2006	26,627	386	926	\$30,980	\$1.16	\$80
2007	29,971	181	432	\$22,500	\$.75	\$124
2008	29,971	204	490	\$28,680	\$.96	\$141

Table 5. Breakout of HHW Costs (2006 – 2008)

Year	# of Collection	Disposal Costs	Site Set-up Fees	Materials Recovery Fees	MRF Rate	Total Costs
2006	3	\$25,100	\$2,700	\$3,090	11%	\$30,890
2007	2	\$18,300	\$1,800	\$2,300	11.5%	\$22,400
2008	2	\$22,500	\$1,900	\$4,300	17.5%	\$28,700

An estimated 37,100 pounds of material was collected in this year's program, approximately 7% more than in 2007. The cost per pound was \$.77.

Table 7. 2008 Waste Volumes Collected

Year	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served	Total Pounds	Total Costs (Disposal & Fees)	lbs/Vehicle	lbs/ "Participant"	Cost/lb.
2008	204	490	37,100	\$28,680	182	76	\$.77

Table 8. 2004-2008 Waste Volumes Collected

Year	# of Vehicles	Est. Population Served	Total Pounds	Total Costs (Disposal & Fees)	lbs/Vehicle	Lbs/ "Participant"	cost/lb.
2004	253	607	32,176	\$22,342	127	53	\$.69
2005	209	502	33,090	\$22,015	158	66	\$.66
2006	386	926	45,408	\$30,980	118	49	\$.68
2007	181	432	34,528	\$22,500	191	80	\$.65
2008	204	490	37,100	\$28,680	182	76	\$.77

In 2009, residents from District communities will be able to participate in at least two one-day collections. NCC is hoping to secure a third location as well. The exact dates and locations have not been set at this time, but the collections will be held sometime in late summer or early fall. In conjunction with the one-day collection program, many towns collected paint, used-oil, fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze and rechargeable batteries at their municipal facilities. These programs typically provide less expensive recycling options while offering residents more opportunities to properly dispose of their

hazardous materials. Residents should contact their local recycling center or town office to see what programs are available in their community.

The District dealt with legislative issues as well. HB 1429, which would have impacted landfill operations in New Hampshire, posed serious concerns to the District. As drafted, HB 1429 had the potential to decrease landfill capacity in the State, decreasing competition, which could lead to higher disposal and transportation costs. The District sent a letter to the Senate Energy, Environment and Economic Development Committee in opposition to HB 1429 and some members testified in opposition as well. The bill reemerged from committee hearings as HB 1471, a directive to the Department of Environmental Services to prepare a plan and proposal for legislative action in the 2009 legislative session addressing a number of items relating to solid waste management.

2009 will likely be a challenging year for many municipal recycling programs as they deal with budget issues and the recent slump in the prices paid for recyclables. However, the District is very fortunate to have a knowledgeable and innovative group of facility operators and committee representatives. If your town has questions, issues, or concerns you would like to address please be sure to use the resources you have at your availability. Citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are also welcomed to attend the District meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices or at NCC.

Respectively submitted,
Robert Berti, Chairman, PBSWD

TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

2008 was my first year as Transfer Station Manager. It was both a challenging and rewarding experience. I was able to learn more about the recycling industry and hopefully make this facility run more efficiently.

Recycled Products:

- Paper – 398,698 lbs.
- Aluminum cans – 8,050 lbs.
- Tin cans – 15,120 lbs.
- Scrap metal – 40,000 lbs.
- Glass – 211,697 lbs.
- Textiles – 5,400 lbs.
- #1 Plastics – 6,684 lbs.
- #2 Plastics – 10,092 lbs.

Your Transfer Station has compiled a 42% recycling rate, which is far above the State average of roughly 22%.

I would like to thank you and my employees, Mary Hayward, Kevin Dauphine, and Nate Hartford, for making this another successful year.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Wells, Manager
Tri-Town Transfer Station

SUGAR HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Another productive year has come and gone for the Sugar Hill Police Department. This year we want to start off by letting you know how much we truly appreciate having the privilege to work for such an outstanding community. Seeing all of the problems that our surrounding communities are dealing with has made us genuinely appreciate the truly wonderful people who make up our Town. As we have said every year, we sincerely appreciate the continued support we receive for the work that we do.

In recognition of the hard economic times we are all facing, this year we made a bigger effort than ever to bring our budget in as low as possible. We are proud to say that we beat our goal of keeping our budget level funded with 2008 and managed to come in under last year's budget. Also, since Chief Pequeno had been in Iraq and subsequently the last cruiser had lower mileage at the end of the three-year mark, we were able to drive it for an additional year. This means that rather than asking for the usual \$12,000.00 "Capital Reserve line item" we can now lower the amount to \$5,000.00 this year and next year and still have the monies to purchase a new cruiser when it is needed.

In closing, we would like to thank the Sugar Hill Fire Department as well as the Sugar Hill Highway Department, both of whom not only work very hard, putting in long hours to provide excellent services to the Community but also go out of their way to assist the Police Department whenever we have needed them.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief David D. Wentworth
On behalf of the Sugar Hill Police Department

Calls For Service

	2007	2008
Arrests	27	27
911 Hang Up	8	11
Abandoned MV	6	3
Alarm, Burglar	83	59
All Spots Inquiries	36	45
Assault	0	0
Assist Citizen	18	20
Assist Other Agency	3	5
Building Check	15	5
Burglary	3	0
Child Abuse	2	0
Civil Stand-By	10	3
Directions	0	0
Disabled MV/Lock Out	26	40
Disturbance/Fight/Brawl	4	3
Dog Complaint	47	23
Domestic Disturbance	3	2
Follow Up Investigations	63	29
Intoxicated Person (Not DWI)	1	0
Juvenile Offenses	4	2
Lost/Found Property	2	7
Missing Person	2	5
Motor Vehicle Complaint	19	10
Motor Vehicle Crash	18	22
Motor Vehicle Stop	761	714
Noise Complaint	1	1
Paperwork Service	5	2
Police Admin	269	156
Prisoner Transport	0	0
Road Hazard/Wire or Tree Down	40	32
Shots Fired	4	4
Suicidal Person	1	1
Suspicious Person	7	4
Suspicious Vehicle	7	13
Telephone Harassment	1	1
Theft/Fraud	14	5
Threats	2	3
Traffic Detail	6	2
Trespass	4	1
Unknown/Other	36	15
Vandalism	1	4
VIN Verification	11	3
Wanted Person	3	8
Welfare Check	7	3
TOTAL	1580	1293

SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

During 2008 your Fire Department continued to be very active in training and with emergency calls. Our calls increased by 23% for a total of 85 emergency calls in 2008. This was after a 19% increase in 2007. Fifteen of the 2008 calls were automatic aid to Franconia while their Engine was out of service being refurbished and we normally would not have been called.

Together with the Sugar Hill Museum we celebrated our 60th birthday of being a Fire Department. The Museum had a season long exhibit on the history of the Department. In July, we held an open house with a cook out at the station which was very well attended. In October we had a fire prevention/award night at the Meetinghouse. The attendance at this event far exceeded our expectations. Past Fire Chiefs were honored for their service to the community and Roger Aldrich was recognized as the last surviving charter member of the Fire Department. We sincerely thank the Museum for their exhibit and their assistance with the two celebration events.

In 2008 we had no serious structure fires, however the Towns all around had several serious fires. As I write this, due to a combination of the economy and extended cold spells there is not a day that goes by without several house fires in the State and often with fire fatalities.

Your best defense to protect from a structure fire is to be certain your heating equipment receives an annual check-up and wood stove installations are inspected by the Department. To protect life you should have both smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in your home.

The Department has 21 dedicated firefighters up from 18 last year, this has thankfully brought the average age of the firefighters down. It is pleasing to see our younger residents become involved in community service. The firefighters are your neighbors who give freely of their time and make significant sacrifices for a small stipend that often does not cover the expenses associated with serving the Town. Although all of your firefighters are part-time, they are committed to providing the Town with coverage and the services usually found only in full time Departments.

The Department continues to improve its water supplies and although no dry hydrants were added in 2008, materials were purchased and the permitting process for three hydrants was started. It is hoped to add a dry hydrant at Toad Hill Road, Streeter Pond and an additional hydrant in a location not yet finalized. Using dry hydrants significantly shortens the time it takes to be able to obtain a reliable water source during a fire.

Through the program of improving our equipment, increasing our training and developing good water supplies we are working to lower the insurance protection class for the Town. The process requires not only the Department to functionally perform at a high level, but also extensive paperwork to obtain the reduction in the protection class. We are confident that we will lower the insurance protection class in 2009. With more work, we anticipate a further reduction in the insurance protection class in the years to come.

The Department continued its fire prevention program in 2008. All new and replacement oil burners require a permit and inspection from the Department, all new homes and commercial occupancies are inspected by the Department prior to the issuance of an occupancy certificate and all places of assembly that serve alcohol require an annual permit. This is a time consuming process, but is a very important part of the service the Department provides.

We received another FEMA, Assistance to Firefighters Grant, our third. Since we began applying in 2004 we have received 3 awards totaling nearly \$270,000 which included a new tanker, breathing apparatus and new personal protective gear. To put this in perspective during this period those Towns in our mutual aid system received 10 awards of which three were to Sugar Hill. We have utilized the awards frugally to purchase needed equipment and not frills which has saved the Town the eventual expenditures.

Our latest award is for \$46,025 of which the Town must match 5%. These funds will replace our personal protective equipment (bunker gear) that no longer conforms to standards and is getting quite worn. We are not certain how much longer these Federal Funds will be available, however as long as the program is in place we will continue to try to bring some of those federal dollars back. In addition to this source of funds, the Department has been very successful in obtaining other grants.

We continue our extensive training this year with training a minimum of two times per month. We continued to concentrate on the basics and the skill level of your firefighters is very high for a community our size. Our Department is recognized as one of the best equipped, trained, hard working and professional Fire Departments in the region.

The Fire Department responded to the following:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Brush/Grass Fires	0	1	0	0
Chimney Fires	2	1	1	2
Dumpsters	0	1	0	0
Fire Alarm Activations	17	10	9	9
Furnace Problems	2	3	0	0
Hazardous Conditions	15	10	13	15
Hazardous Materials	0	5	0	0
Motor Vehicle Accidents	5	9	7	8
Mutual Aid – Cover	4	8	7	3
Mutual Aid – Scene	30	6	14	11
Rescues	0	1	1	1
Service Calls	5	1	3	2
Smoke Investigations	4	5	2	0
Structure Fires	0	8	1	4
Vehicle Fires	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	85	69	58	56

As of December 31, 2008 the Fire Department's active roster consisted of twenty-one of your neighbors who are as follows:

	Chief Allan R. Clark	
Asst. Chief Doug Glover	Asst. Chief Doug Amsbary	Captain Gordie Johnk
Lieutenant Jim Snyder	Lieutenant Cliff Aldrich	Engineer Harold Aldrich
Engineer Jim Cyrs, II	Engineer Barry Bernstein	Engineer Peter Szawlowski
Eric Chase	Bruce Cole	Russell Gaitskill
Matthew Glerum	Jody Hodgdon	Andrew Howe
Brensen Ireland	Jason Kern	Luther Kinney
Curt McCarson		Karl Wockenfuss

It is truly an honor to serve such a wonderful community as Sugar Hill as the Fire Chief. Thank you for your support and thank you to the firefighters for their support and dedication. I especially thank the firefighter wives for tolerating the many disruptions to their family life and sharing their husbands for the good of the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Allan R. Clark
Fire Chief

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

The recent ice storm that has devastated the electrical transmission lines in much of the southern part of the state remind us that the largest natural disaster threat that we face in Sugar Hill is the loss of power for an extended period of time. This threat has been identified and a plan to mitigate that hazard has been in place since 2005 and is now fully implemented.

The plan consisted of the following:

- ❖ Identifying the location of all NH Cooperative and PSNH Power Lines
- ❖ Installing a generator at the Fire Station
- ❖ Installing a generator at the Highway Garage
- ❖ Installing a generator at the Crapo Town Office Building
- ❖ Training the Fire Department on dealing with power lines
- ❖ Acquiring traffic cones, barricades & signage
- ❖ Joint training with Fire, Highway and Police Departments
- ❖ Creating an Emergency Operations Center
- ❖ Establishing shelters

We have been working on implementing this plan since 2005 and now have the plan fully implemented. The final step in implementing this plan was installing a 60KW generator at the Crapo building. This was accomplished at the end of 2007 and finalized in 2008 thanks to a grant from the State of New Hampshire and funds raised by the Town.

In case of a wide spread extended power outage, the Crapo Building will be established as a staffed emergency warming center, which will be capable of providing a warm environment and limited meals. The Crapo Building can also be utilized as an emergency shelter with cots for overnight accommodations, if the need arises.

We now have a group of volunteers who are willing to assist in staffing the Crapo Building during an emergency as the Firefighters and Police Officers will likely be committed to providing emergency services. If you would be willing to staff the Crapo Building in shifts during an emergency, please give me a call at 823-5748.

Arrangements have also been made with the Sunset Hill House to provide emergency meals, showers and rooms during an extended power outage. They have recently upgraded their electrical system, which has the provision for accommodating an emergency power generator. In the past, the showers were used by many residents thanks to the generosity of the Henderson's.

In case of a major emergency incident, the Fire Station will become the Emergency Operations Center where local, state and federal resources will be coordinated. Should you not have telephone capabilities during such an emergency, the Fire Station will be staffed.

If someone has special circumstances, such as requiring power for a life sustaining machine, please contact me so we can be certain to make arrangements to provide the necessary support.

Should you have a generator be certain that it is properly connected to the house wiring and that the generator is located outside in a well ventilated area. It is of critical importance to have a carbon monoxide detector in your home.

Please do not hesitate to contact your emergency services by calling 823-8123 should you require any assistance. It does not need to be a true emergency. Both the Fire Department and the Police Department are willing to help the citizens and visitors to Sugar Hill during a time of need.

Respectfully submitted,
Allan R. Clark
Emergency Management Director

FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

The Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. Under State law a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste at all times. Outdoor burning is only allowed after 5 p.m. and must be out the following morning by 9 a.m. unless it is raining. Permits are obtained from the Warden or his Deputies. Prior to any outdoor burning, our dispatch should be called at 823-8123 to advise them that you will be burning.

Sugar Hill burn permits can also be obtained utilizing our web site at www.sugarhill.com and going to the permit section and following the directions. The Warden will either issue the permit or deny the permit by email. Permits may be denied due to weather conditions or what is intended to be burnt.

Spring fire season lasted unusually long this past year, with very high fire danger stretching into the first week of June. Once again, the rains started to fall during the summer and the fire activity was fairly light for the remainder of the year. The acreage burned was less than that of 2007. The largest forest fire during the 2008 season burned approximately 54 acres on Rattlesnake Mountain in Rumney on White Mountain National Forest property. Another 39 acre fire occurred on Mount Major in Alton during the month of April. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities.

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2008 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local Fire Department and the State's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2008 FIRE STATISTICS

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	43	82
Carroll	6	40
Cheshire	28	45
Coos	5	18
Grafton	12	52
Hillsborough	13	54
Merrimack	12	67
Rockingham	35	46
Strafford	9	20
Sullivan	12	31

(Does not include fires under the jurisdiction of White Mountain National Forest)

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED		Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	2	2008	455
Debris	173	2007	437
Campfire	35	2006	500
Children	23	2005	546
Smoking	36	2004	482
Railroad	2		147
Equipment	11		
Lightning	11		
Misc.*	162	(*power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)	

State Forest Ranger
Brad Simpkins
271-2217

District Forest Ranger
Steven Sherman
788-4157

Allan R. Clark – Warden – 823-5748 – Pager 376-4579

Douglas Glover – Deputy Warden – 823-7007 – Work 823-8788

Jim Snyder – Deputy Warden – 823-7704

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

The Life Squad continues to receive praise for its member's professionalism and high level of skills from the Littleton Regional Hospital and from patients. Members are from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton and are dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency medical service to the communities it serves.

All members are at a minimum, Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians and are continually training and improving their skills. Each member must have a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education each year plus every two years must take a 24 hour refresher course and an extensive practical exam.

Currently, seven of our members are certified to provide Advanced Life Support and two members are nationally registered paramedics and Brian Canelas, Bill Mead, and Evelyn Easton are currently in school to become paramedics which is a two year process. Franconia is fortunate to have the highest medical credentials of any municipal ambulance or first responder service in the area.

Many of the members have other specialized training including ice rescue, swift water rescue, high angle rescue and motor vehicle extrication certifications. All of the members are certified in advance CPR and in the use of the heart monitor and defibrillator. Most importantly, all of our members are dedicated to providing compassionate emergency medical care from the scene to the hospital.

The Franconia Life Squad at year end had 15 active members and a paramedic advisor. Long term members Robert Anthony, Tim Bray and Dean Wright resigned due to other commitments. All three were dedicated members of the Life Squad who have dedicated years of service to serving others and will be missed. The Franconia Life Squad is well prepared to assist the citizens and visitors to the area, with quality emergency medical care. Active members of the Franconia Life Squad at year end were:

Chief Bill Mead – EMT-I

Asst. Chief Brian Canelas – EMT-I

Captain Bill Blackwell – EMT 1

Allan Clark – EMT

Amy Cyrs – EMT

Steven Czarnecki – EMT-P

Evelyn Easton – EMT-I

Jeff Gould – EMT

John Irleand – EMT

Linda Mordhorst – EMT

Flo Place – EMT-I

Paul Schmucker – EMT

Gareth Slattery – EMT

Jeff Stewart – EMT-P

Mark Taylor – EMT

David White – EMT

The number of calls that the Life Squad responds to has remained relatively constant over the past three years. In 2008 there were 151 calls, 2007 151 calls and in 2006 155 calls. The number of transports to the hospital has declined over the past three years from 70 in 2006, 69 in 2007 and 62 in 2008.

	<u>2008</u>		<u>2007</u>		<u>2006</u>	
	Calls	Transports	Calls	Transports	Calls	Transports
Franconia	111	54	108	62	105	65
Sugar Hill	26	1	32	0	40	1
Easton	11	6	8	6	9	3
Mutual Aid	3	1	3	1	1	1
Total	151	62	151	69	155	70

Revenue from transports increased 33% in 2008 even though transports were down 10%. A portion of that is explained by more Advanced Life certified providers on the Life squad which results in higher reimbursements from insurance companies and Medicaid and a portion is timing of collections.

In 2008, the operating expenses were \$51,704 and income obtained from patient billing and Sugar Hill and Easton subsidies totaled \$47,678 with the net cost for the operation of the Franconia Life Squad to the Town of Franconia being \$4,025. This is the lowest cost the Life Squad has cost the town in many years.

During December we placed in service a new ambulance specifically designed to transport patients. It is one of the only all wheel drive ambulances in the state and is expected to serve the Life Squad for many years.

I have stepped down as Chief of the Life Squad as I am extremely busy with my paramedic studies and other responsibilities. I will continue to remain as a member. The new Chief is Brian Canelas and I am confident that he will do a good job of guiding the Life Squad into the future.

I sincerely thank the townspeople for their continued support. I especially thank the members of the Life Squad for their countless hours dedicated to serving others in their time of need.

Respectfully submitted,
William Mead, Chief
Franconia Life Squad

ROSS AMBULANCE SERVICE

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Town of Sugar Hill in 2008. Ross Ambulance Service responded to 1303 calls for service in 2008. Calls in Sugar Hill represent about 2.3% of this total at 30. Of the 30 calls for service 25 resulted in a patient transport with the remaining 5 calls resulting in patient refusals.

The average time for an ambulance to respond to an emergency call in Sugar Hill after being notified was 2 minutes. The average time for an ambulance to reach a scene after being notified is 17 minutes.

This year we replaced our 2003 Chevrolet ambulance with a 2007 Chevrolet. The new ambulance will serve as a back-up and transfer ambulance. Our first line ambulance is also a 2007 Chevrolet. Our other main accomplishment was to upgrade the equipment in both our ambulances to be licensed at the paramedic level. Most of our providers attended the North Country EMS conference as well as continuing education classes provided by Littleton Regional Hospital and at other locations throughout the region. We currently employ 9 paramedics, 12 EMT Intermediates and 10 EMT Basics. Of our paramedics 5 are certified as Critical Care Paramedics. All paramedics are PHTLS (Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support) any AMLS (Advanced Medical Life Support) certified. We are very proud of the high level of service we provide to our patients and look only to improve in the future.

In addition to responding for people who require transport to the hospital we standby for firefighters at major fires and assist people in their homes when called. We also provided a stand-by ambulance for the new Littleton Crusaders football team home games. We are a ride site for E.M.T. students at all levels. We also provide internship and job shadow opportunities for the allied health program and the Hugh J. Gallen Vocational Center.

Providing educational opportunities to new and future E.M.T.s is very important to us for many reasons. For an E.M.T. to respond with a Ross Ambulance he or she must be knowledgeable, skilled and experienced. The knowledge and skills can be learned in a classroom; however, the experience to use them well is best gained from experienced providers.

One of the best ways for experienced providers to stay current in a constantly changing field is to teach. Reviewing the step by step process of skills learned many years ago coupled with discussing the latest study, procedure or product make the E.M.T.s that work here some of the very best in the area.

Once again we would like to thank you for choosing Ross Ambulance Service as your ambulance provider in 2008.

Adam Smith
Manager
Ross Ambulance Service

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

This year the highway department has worked to satisfy a grant that Fire Chief Allan Clark was able to obtain for us. We spent many hours and materials on Lafayette Road. The drainage system that was in place would not handle the storm or spring run offs. For this reason, we enlarged the ditch lines and lined them with stone. We were also able to do approximately 700' of ditch on Carpenter Road. On Pearl Lake Road we had a section of road that was very narrow and also had substandard drainage. With permission from the Dickinson Family we were able to remove a row of trees and also install an adequate ditch line and resurface. The paving budget was spent on the section of Pearl Lake Road from Creamery Pond to the sharp turn after Post Road.

Our bridge project over Indian Creek has been moving along slowly but surely. The permitting process is reaching the end so with any luck that project will begin in low water of 2009. As we look forward to the 2009 construction season we still have a lot of work to do. Hopefully the Indian Creek Bridge will happen, we have a large culvert on Easton Road to replace and the paving of a couple bad areas in town.

As always it has been a pleasure to work for the townspeople and Selectboard of Sugar Hill. Many thanks to our Police and Fire Departments for their help during storms and when we need traffic control.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Glover
Road Agent

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board saw the following activity for 2008:

- Major Subdivision: 2
- Minor Subdivision: 0
- Lot Line Adjustment: 3
- Voluntary Merger: 0
- Site Plan Review: 1

The Planning Board is happy to report that the Subdivision Regulations have been updated and approved. Board members worked hard and long to make this document more user friendly.

We are always open to constructive ways to improve and keep abreast of the current changes. The Planning Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30PM at the Carolina Crapo Memorial Building. Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Board should write a letter expressing their interest for an appointment to the Board as an alternate or regular member.

Appreciation is due to all the members who generously volunteer their time and work to maintain the quality and beauty of our Town.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Venezia, Secretary

RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Thank you to our patrons for your continuous support of the library and for your donations during 2008. We appreciate your encouragement and support to provide a friendly and pleasant library for the people of Sugar Hill.

The library has the latest bestsellers, and a very large selection of audios and CDs for our patrons. If there is an item we do not have on our shelves, you may request it from the NH State Library Interlibrary Loan system. During 2008, our patrons borrowed over 300 books, audios, and CDs from other libraries in the state, and we loaned out over 200 books. There are two computers available for our patrons, and WIFI service for those who bring a laptop computer.

Our annual book sale was held on Saturday, June 17, during Lupine Season, and was a great success! We thank you for your support! We use the money to purchase reading materials for our patrons. Please watch for announcements of our 2009 book sale.

The 2008 Summer Reading Program was entitled "G'Day for Reading: Australia". The children who attended the four weekly sessions learned about Australian animals, food, music, and games. The children were very interested in learning about Australia, and delighted to make Wombat Stew, didgeridoos, and boomerangs!

Please support your local library – come in, visit, check out your library, and check out a book!

Respectfully submitted,
Sharyn McGuigan
Librarian

2008

Patron Visits – 2343
Adult Books Loaned – 2105
Children's Books Loaned – 1979
Audios, CDs Loaned – 241

Library Trustees

Irene Amsbary
Elaine Burpee
Rose Ellms

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Sugar Hill Conservation Commission continues to help residents maintain their property values, keep town expenditures low and conserve the natural features that make our town so attractive. To an unusual degree, Sugar Hill depends on natural resources to supply basic services: we have no water or sewage treatment plants, no effluent or emissions control systems. We rely on clean air, water and biologically healthy soils and wetlands for our needs. The State and Federal regulations that protect natural resource thus save us millions of dollars but to many property owners these regulations are difficult to understand and permit applications for new construction or excavation may be costly. The Conservation Commission reviews all applications involving wetlands and shorelines. In an effort to assist property owners with compliance at minimal cost we usually make visits to proposed construction sites. The earlier in the planning process we are notified, the more effective we can be.

Limited funds are available to assist in planning and permitting projects that benefit conservation projects in our community. Grant applications for the Conservation Fund are available at the town office. We strongly encourage residents to take advantage of this resource.

The 2008 Comprehensive Shoreline Protection Act seeks to prevent degradation of water bodies in the town. In the coming year we will contact property owners near the Gale River, Streeter Pond and the Bowen Brook Dam to explain the new regulations and assist them in meeting the requirements. The Town can be fined by the State if it does not properly enforce these regulations. Maintaining these waters will discourage foreign invasive plants and animals including those that cause disease, keep waters clear, safe, and attractive, maintain drinking and agricultural water sources (including wells), and protect fish and wildlife.

Ongoing Conservation Commission projects this year include two recreation projects: the walking and mountain biking trail along the Gale River and the hiking and nature trails in the Town Forest. Both of these projects are moving forward without cost to taxpayers. A selective harvest of mature trees in the town forest cleared much of the blow down from the April storm, opened trails and provided income to the Town.

Energy conservation is another area we work on. Both residents and Town agencies would benefit from assessing their energy use. The Sugar Hill Conservation Commission distributed free low energy light bulbs at the 2008 Town Meeting and supported two energy conservation fairs at Profile Junior Senior High School in March and November. Anyone interested in joining the ad hoc Sugar Hill Energy Committee is more than welcome.

Please contact Margo Connors if you would like to get involved with this group to learn more about energy/cost savings, and/or new "green" energy sources for home and business.

Please note that we have updated the natural resource maps hanging along the stairs in the Carolina Crapo building. We also have an interactive CD of the maps and additional Town data (that includes Google Earth and more) available in the Library.

The Sugar Hill Conservation Commission meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Town building. All are welcome to attend.

THE WILLING WORKERS SOCIETY

The Willing Worker's Society is a non-sectarian, non-profit, charitable organization whose purpose is to serve the community.

In July and November we held our yearly sales. We would like to thank our members, extra helpers and townspeople for their donations of food and items for the sale. Also a big thank you to those who helped set up and carry items up and down the stairs. Thank you to Lloyd Card for repairing the table legs upstairs.

We were saddened by the passing of Dorothy MacEwan on December 5th, she was a very active member for many years.

We welcome new member Sue Rysanek to our group.

Elaine Burpee took on the Secretary duties this year when Polly Cole was unable to participate.

The plaque in honor of Edna Glaessel was placed between the flower boxes at the Meetinghouse and geraniums were planted this spring.

This year's Town Christmas Party saw the Society providing gifts for seventy eight children, babies up through 6th grade. Assisting with wrapping and party preparations were Tricia Coyle and Rose Ellms.

The delicious potluck Christmas Luncheon was graciously hosted by Kitty Bigelow and we than her for her hospitality.

This year's scholarship award recipient was Joseph Hanslik. Plants were given to eight shut-ins at Christmas and donations were given to the following groups: Copper Cannon, North Country Home Health, Littleton Senior Center, Bancroft House, David's House and the Franconia Life Squad.

If you wish to help in any way or would like to join us, please contact one of our officers. We meet the first Thursday of the month at noon at the Meetinghouse for a luncheon and business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Hutchinson
President

2009 Officers

President: Sylvia Hutchinson
Vice President & Publicity: Elaine Burpee
Treasurer: Edith Aldrich
Secretary: Maxine Aldrich
Hospitality: Carol Young

SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Year 32 of the Sugar Hill Historical Museum was an event-rich year. The Museum's ancestors and their stories are ours to collect and tell, and yours to come and appreciate.

The Sugar Hill Fire Department celebrated its 60th birthday in summer 2008. Embers were still hot from the school fire on July 18, 1948 when Roger Aldrich organized the first group of volunteers to man its own Fire Department as Lisbon was much too far away. The 2008 Museum exhibit depicted the earliest photographs of equipment and volunteers. Fire equipment loaned by Allan Clark, uniforms loaned by Bert Aldrich, and of course, the Fire Department's prized second fire truck, a 1948 Ford, all highlighted the exhibit. In the background was a continuously playing DVD interview recorded by Emily Cote when she chatted with Harold, Bert and Roger Aldrich who recounted the history of the Sugar Hill Fire Department. They told of controlled and uncontrolled burning, the growth of the Fire Department, the first building, and the first fire-fighting equipment. Their wives described their lives how they managed without cell phones!

The carriage shed housed an exhibit of containers. The variety of historic containers included inkwells, suitcases, milk bottles, sewing baskets and boxes, cookery, birdhouses and pillboxes.

Museum trustees have regretfully accepted the resignation of Winnie Harwood, past Director and Curator, who will now take more time to pursue other interests. Winnie served the museum with 100 percent dedication during the past twelve years and we hope that with her warm smile and gracious personality she will continue to serve as a volunteer.

The Sugar Hill Historical Museum is fortunate to have a talented and enthusiastic team of volunteers. Greeting guests and helping them enjoy new exhibits, stocking and staffing the gift shop, cataloguing artifacts, writing the newsletters, keeping the three buildings clean, and helping visitors in the genealogy library are all just some of the museum's regular duties. Margaret Harrigan received first prize and Lissa Boissonneault and Elaine Burpee tied for second for the most volunteer hours of the season. Jim Keefe repaired our front doors; Dottie and Dudley Bailey repaired and sorted many Museum artifacts; John Bigelow made urgent electrical improvements; Marlene Neff sorted the post card collection; the Mitz family tended the window boxes and garden; and George Hartmann helped with new putty and paint on windows and walls.

Have you seen our new book? *Sugar Hill Treasures* was researched, written, edited and published by Kitty Bigelow, Ann Hartmann, Judy Keefe, Nancy Martland and Eileen Regen. *Treasures* strives to pique visitors' interests in the Town's history and heritage with vivid descriptions and old photographs of the many interesting sites in and around the Town of Sugar Hill. Through interactive participation, treasure hunters visit various historical sites in quest of treasure boxes that are found after successfully solving clues. Tours of three different "loops" (Sugar Hill Street Loop, Sunset Hill Loop, and Lovers Lane Loop) all begin conveniently at the Sugar Hill Historical Museum. *Treasures* provides great reading, even if one does not actually drive or walk the tour.

During the winter season when the Museum is closed, Harman's Cheese and Country Store of Sugar Hill and the Village Bookstore of Littleton are stocking *Sugar Hill Treasures*. So far we have sold 97 copies!

The gift shop stocks a variety of local crafts, history-related articles and items associated with featured displays. Proceeds of the gift shop support Museum activities and restoration needs. *Treasures* was the big seller in 2008.

Steve Sabre of Easton presented two programs for us about the flora and fauna of the area of New Hampshire. For those of us who attended, our lives are 100 percent enriched as we can now better understand the precarious balance of nature.

The North Shore Dixiecrats entertained ticket holders with a grand jazz concert at the Meetinghouse in August. They played through the history of Dixie music with jumping jazz as they migrated "Up the Lazy River" (Mississippi) to Chicago and eventually on to Harlem. Each piece was a classic and not one person was able to sit without clapping and foot tapping during the entire concert!

Because of the high gasoline prices and a very wet June and July, museum visitor attendance count was just under last year's total; however, membership increased by 40 percent between 2007 and 2008, from 113 in 2007 to 158 in 2008. This increase is attributed to a lively membership campaign to compete for a \$25 thousand grant offered by the Robert and Karen Finlay Foundation of New Hampshire. Though we did not win the grant, our membership increase added essential funds for the upkeep of Museum buildings and maintenance of the museum collection. Donations from members, community friends and visitors increased by \$1000 this year.

During the winter, board members met to plan the opening of two new exhibits for 2009. The main gallery will highlight fashion in the display named **What They Wore: Fashions at Our Grand Hotels, 1874 – 1974**. The carriage barn display will highlight artifacts of **Sugar Hill Street, Then and Now**.

The Museum season opens on June 6, 2009. Hours are 1 to 4 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. No admission is charged, but tax-deductible memberships and donations are gratefully received. Members have access to the genealogical and historical records of Sugar Hill, the Museum quarterly newsletter, member prices for special events, members-only events, and preview showings of Museum collections, displays and gift shop items.

Watch for news of the 2009 big fundraising event to raise monies for the roof of the 1980s carriage barn. Just like your home, we have constant repairs, too!

Respectfully submitted,
Kitty H. Bigelow
Director and Curator

SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1890, the Sugar Hill Improvement Association is a community based charitable organization dedicated to the benefit of its citizens and the betterment and beautification of the village of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire.

2009 will mark one of the most important milestones in the history of the organization with the sale of the Crapo Memorial Building and surrounding properties to the Town of Sugar Hill. The Museum property will be transferred, without compensation, to the Sugar Hill Historical Museum, an offshoot of the S.H.I.A.

Proceeds from the sale of the Crapo Building and land will become a Sugar Hill Improvement Association Trust Fund. Interest from this fund may be spent in accordance with the Association's mission statement described above.

The existing Carolina Crapo Trust Fund remains as directed by Mr. Crapo, interest available for educational purposes only.

Both Funds will be managed by the Trustees of The Trust Funds of the Town of Sugar Hill. All decisions regarding expenditures from the Funds will be made by the Sugar Hill Improvement Association Directors and Education Committees.

To assure, as mandated by New Hampshire Attorney General's Office, these assets are not depleted, interest only may be expended.

Sugar Hill is exceedingly fortunate to be the recipient of the generosity and vision of Henry Crapo together with those who have guarded and nurtured these monies for over 60+ years.

All residents are automatically members of the Improvement Association. As it enters a new era of Funds bearing interest available for education and special worthy Town projects, all are invited, and indeed urged, to become involved.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Serafini, President

Carolina Crapo Memorial Book Awards

In 2007 the Sugar Hill Improvement Association established a book award in memory of Carolina Crapo, to be given to a graduating high school senior who is a resident of Sugar Hill. The Sugar Hill Improvement Association has awarded to date a total of \$5000.00 to the following Sugar Hill students:

Zachary Johnk
Toby Theodore

Jenna Serino
Joseph Hansalik.

FRANCONIA – SUGAR HILL – EASTON RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Tri-Town Recreation Department has had a phenomenal year. A huge THANK YOU goes out to all who made this happen.

We started with the new full time position of Park and Recreation Director, Kim Cowles, who's responsible for the facilities, trails and events. With this came the construction of the Gazebo. And with that came a summer full of music and fun.

Trails are abundant in the Tri-Towns and we are in the process of inventorying, maintaining, mapping and making signs with trail information. We have organized a group of trail enthusiasts for this purpose, called the "Franconia Area Trails" group or FAT for short.

The Old Home Day, Top Notch Triathlon, Franconia Scramble, Hayseed Bluegrass Festival, Halloween Cup Soccer Tournament, Pumpkin Festival and Summer Concert Series were all very successful bringing people and money to Town. We hope to improve upon all the above and add new events when possible.

Baseball/softball, soccer and basketball all had excellent attendance and successes along the way. These programs rely totally on volunteers. Both parents and people without children who just love the game make it all work.

Kris Germain has done another outstanding job of organizing all the youth teams, and the summer program. Without her dedication and organizational skills our heads would spin. A good leader brings out the best in the staff around her and our team of recreation counselors proved just that.

THANK YOU to Tom Eyman and Joe Peterson for their time, money and undying love of softball and the construction of the batting cage at the ball field.

Thanks to the money raised from the Top Notch Triathlon and the Halloween Cup Soccer Tournament, we made some improvements to the rink. The warming hut received a little face lift, we purchased some new boards and a new hand held Zamboni (but Kim really wants one she can drive). All of this equals nice ice.

The Tri-Town Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of every month the location to be announced. Check the Town website www.franconianh.org for more details.

Watch for next summer's concerts featuring big names such as; Crunchy Western Boys, Steven Tyler, Mick Jagger, Wicked Smart Horn Band, Jimmy Buffet, Tuba4th and many more.

Respectfully submitted,
Tri-Town Committee members
Franconia: Jeff Malcolm & Matt Massei
Sugar Hill: Gordie Johnk & Cindy McClaren
Easton: Brian Canelas & Tammie Gearheart
Kris Germain, Youth Program Director
Kim Cowles, Park & Recreation Director

FRANCONIA NOTCH REGION - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank each of you for your continued support for the Chamber of Commerce. Through your funding and support we are able to market our area the Franconia Notch Region as a wonderful place to nurture business, recreation, and as a preferred place to live.

This year we continued to grow the Chamber membership which is currently at a new all time high while expanding our involvement in our Communities by supporting Community events in order to enhance the presence and works of the Chamber. This year, the Chamber made donations in support of the Franconia Recreation Department to help fund the concerts and such on the Dow field and worked together with the Recreation Dept. We hope to continue this support in the coming years.

As President of the Franconia Notch Chamber, I am very proud to have helped to initiate the Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce scholarship fund which has been started by a generous donation from Franconia Notch Vacations, Mr. Cort Roussel, Owner in support of our community Schools and our students who may have a genuine interest in business.

This year the Chamber successfully implemented the Strategic Plan which demanded the formation of four Teams: Marketing/Web, Events, Collaboration, and Membership. Each Team consists of a Team Leader and volunteers. Literally hundreds and hundreds of combined volunteer hours went in the forming and implementation of the strategic plan which was developed by Mrs. Kathe Tortorice of Building Alternatives, INC. of Franconia whose expertise with strategic planning came to us from her working for Digital Corporation for many years has proven effective for the Chamber. Through successful application for JPP Grant Funding we were able to increase the FNCC brochure distribution to 40,000 brochures distributed to every corner of the State of New Hampshire. Successful grant funding and hard work is showing returns to our communities and area businesses as the "Rooms and Meals Tax" returned to the Town of Franconia and Sugar Hill has seen significant increase over the last year. This is proof positive that the Chamber marketing strategy and collaborative efforts are showing good returns.

Again, through successful application for matching JPP Grant Funding, we developed and implemented a brand new Franconia Notch Chamber website www.franconianotch.org having an integrated events calendar, pristine photography, relocation services, Town services, and fantastic Member Directories with the ease of ability to keep up to date with the latest information and events. Oh yes, and through the use of technology, the site can be read in seven languages which is proven to be important as more and more foreigners are visiting our area due to the high value of the Euro and Canadian dollar against our American dollar. The website is packed with useful information and itineraries for things to do, scenic drives, places to go, and things you must see. Folks who used to request paper information are now viewing and making their reservations and travel plans on the web at an even greater rate. Our online presence and the number of monthly hits is impressive but, now will be even more impressive due to upgrade search engine optimization and integrated events calendars with Littleton Area Chamber, Lincoln/Woodstock Chamber, and Twin Mountain Chamber. There is now so much to do on the calendars that folks are more inclined to extend their stay while visiting to take in all the North Country has to offer. As more and

more travelers make their travel plans by visiting our website, the site will continue to transform to meet the demands of the future.

Once again this year, FNCC maintained two (2) spinning display racks at Peabody Lodge and Notch View buildings on Cannon Mountain, and the Cannon Tram Display area containing our area businesses brochures as well as the FNCC Brochures. This allowed every business the opportunity to display their business information directly in front of every visitor to Cannon Mountain Ski area for the winter months.

We had approximately 2500 documented visitors stop in at our Welcome Center on Main Street seeking information about area. Another 2,000 phone and internet requests for information were also handled during the Welcome Center open season of mid-May – end of October. Your continued support helps to provide folks who are visiting with the latest information and directions to area Attractions and Retail Businesses. This keeps tourists in our area to explore and rediscover all the great and beautiful things our area has to offer. Again, this year, many poets and writers used the benches and FREE wireless Wi-Fi Hotspot located at the Library and Welcome Center areas. The wireless hotspot continues to support access to visitors' web mail and allows them to browse the web for a great Inn, B&B, Motel, Restaurant, Retail Shop, or whatever other area attraction or service they may need which is especially useful during the time of year when the Welcome Center is not open or after hours. The Wi-Fi is accessible within a 500-foot radius around the Welcome Center on Main Street next to Town Hall and all one has to do is stop by there sometime to see the folks using the Wi-Fi Hotspot in their cars or on the Town Library lawn and benches.

A new slogan "Four Seasons. One Destination!" and a brand new Chamber Logo were developed and implemented this year. With the hiring of our new Executive Director, Barbara Ashley, we have been able to reach out to neighboring communities and businesses and through collaborative team efforts, work together with surrounding area chambers to improve the marketing and distribution of vital information on Events and Business offerings in and around a large portion of the Franconia Notch Region.

Our hope is to continue nurture an environment and experience that will inspire folks to return and forever cherish our area of New Hampshire. Again this year, with seasoned, successful, and well planned events, such as the "Lupine Festival" and "The Antique Show", "Old Home Day", "Christmas in Franconia Cookie Tour", LRH "Outdoor Wellness Expo", "Hayseed Festival" and with new and creative events yet to be planned on the Dow Fields and Cannon Mountain, we will give our Residents and visitors a place that they will gladly call home and an experience worthy of the Majestic Beauty that surrounds us.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated by every Member of the Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce, by every Resident, and by every visitor, who has come to love Franconia, Easton, Sugar Hill, and the surrounding Towns. Together we are making a difference and through your continued support and through open doors of collaboration we'll continue to grow the Chamber to meet the growing demands of our time to better serve all of the needs of our Communities.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank P. Grima, President
Franconia Notch Region
Chamber of Commerce

FRANCONIA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Calendar Year End 2008

Beginning Balance (January 1, 2008)	\$27,192.90
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INCOME

Membership Dues		17,231.75
Local Business Discount Cards		260.00
Franconia Village Committee		500.00
Town Funds		
	Franconia	\$10,000.00
	Sugar Hill	6,500.00
	Easton	<u>400.00</u>
		16,900.00
Interest Earned		48.08
Fundraisers:		
	Antique Show	1,538.00
	Auction	1,175.00
	Lupine Festival	<u>8,622.00</u>
		11,335.00
Reimbursed Expenses		<u>6,236.31</u>
Total		\$52,511.14

EXPENSES

Booth Expenses:		
Payroll and Expenses		\$15,115.74
Telephone		1,105.66
Electricity		261.31
Office, Booth Repairs, Misc.		1,253.62
Postage		634.57
Advertising		22,726.21
Bank Fees		-0-
Insurance		955.00
Internet		479.21
Non-Booth Expenses:		
Administrative & Office		521.85
Dues & Subscriptions		323.00
Lupine Festival		5,977.60
Misc.		108.77
Donations & Scholarships		4,275.00
Penalty Taxes		<u>1,040.00</u>
Total		\$53,822.54
Ending Balance (December 31, 2008)		\$25,881.50

**NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL
REGIONAL COMMISSION & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Bethlehem, NH**

I would like to thank all of you for your support of the council this past year. We have made a number of positive changes and completed a number of projects throughout the region. Once again, we reaffirmed the Council's commitment to serve the community and regional needs.

Over the past year, we have continued to deliver planning and economic development services throughout the region. We have and we will continue to adjust our capacities to respond to the needs of the communities and I think you will see this in the programs that we will be introducing in the coming years. The North Country Council has continued its strong relationship with the Department of Commerce and the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in bringing funding and project development to the region. As we all know, these are tough economic times and we will be working with our State and Federal elected officials to do whatever we can to assist our communities economically. We will continue our Community Planning Outreach program targeted at helping our planning boards in the difficult tasks of managing the planning activities in their communities. We will continue to seek your input as to the communities' needs and, as always, be providing the necessary technical support and education as our resources allow. These programs as well as all the other traditional programs in master planning, solid waste management, grant writing, natural resource planning, Brownfields assessments, and transportation planning will continue to be the focus of North Country Council. Please take the time to look over our Annual Report and give us some feedback as to where you think the Council could improve and how we might better serve our communities.

Again, thank you for all of your support of the Council and I hope that I and my staff can continue to be of service to your community. The Council is here to serve you. It is your organization. Our staff and Board are committed to responding to community need. If there is a project or a need in your town, please call us. We are dedicated to both supporting our individual towns and promoting regional unity in the North Country.

Respectfully submitted;
Michael King
Executive Director

2008 REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE

By Raymond S. Burton, Executive Councilor

As I start my 31st and 32nd years of service to this large Northern Council District, I am hopeful and excited for new opportunities for rural America. With a new administration in Washington new economic programs are in the future. Our role at the state, county and local level is to have justified applications that will be used to stimulate job retention and creation. County and regional economic development councils coupled with community action agencies will be putting these new initiatives to work.

The NH Congressional Delegation – Senator Judd Gregg, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Congressman Paul Hodes and Congresswoman Carol Shea Porter joining other Northeastern states of Maine, Vermont, New York and other New England Congressman can cause new resources to become available. I urge that we, at the state, county, and local levels of government, step up with our concerns and let them know our needs.

2009 will start another year of the 10-year NH Highway Transportation Planning process working through the Regional Planning Commissions. Transportation Enhancement and Congestion Mitigation Air quality grants are back in play. Contact William Watson at NH DOT for details at 271-3344 or bwatson@dot.state.nh.us.

The 2009 session of the NH House and Senate will be a trying time with proposed cutbacks and how to still provide and meet constitutional and statutory needs. Be watchful of proposed legislation passing costs to county and local levels of government. Stay close to your local state senator and house members.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of boards and commissions. If you are interested please send your resume to Governor John Lynch, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 attention Jennifer Kuzma, Director of Appointments/Liason or at (603) 271-2121. A complete list is available at the NH Secretary of State website at www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index/htm.

My office has available informational items; NH Constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks, etc. I send, via email, a Monday morning schedule. Send me your email address to be added to the list if you'd like at rburton@nh.gov.

Please contact my office anytime I can be of assistance to you.

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WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH AND COMMON GROUND Director's Report

Each year this report provides the town residents with a summary of the services we offer in your community, as well as an overview of our accomplishments and challenges during the past year. But perhaps even more importantly, writing this report gives us a chance to publicly thank you for your confidence in our organization as demonstrated by your financial support. The money we receive from our towns is absolutely crucial in allowing White Mountain Mental Health to offer expert mental health services at a discounted rate based on our sliding fee scale. For our development services program, Common Ground, town funds assist us in offering the kinds of supports that are not funded by other sources; dental care is one good example. So, let me begin this year's report with an enormous "thank you" for recognizing the value of mental health and development services to the residents of your community.

It is impossible to read a newspaper or turn on the television without being reminded of the dismal state of our economy. During times like these, mental and emotional symptoms increase dramatically. Mentally healthy people develop anxiety and depression as they face job loss, dwindling savings and an uncertain future. It is common to "self medicate" with alcohol as a way of coping with these feelings. Children who live in a family under stress may begin to experience problems at school as they react to the changes they see in their parents. For families supporting a member with a significant development disability, the ability to deal with the special needs of that family member can be compromised when the family is under economic and emotional pressure. Our services offer assistance in facing these challenges.

This year we are especially proud and excited to be able to offer the first Child Telepsychiatry Program in the region. Children and their families meet face-to-face with Dr. Craig Donnelly, Director of Child Psychiatry at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, via a television connection at our Littleton office. With the flip of a switch, a service that had previously been unavailable to children in the North Country is now available. Thanks to your support, families have access to one of the finest Child Psychiatrists in the country. The initiation of this service on our sliding fee scale to low income families is made possible by town support.

We offer an array of high quality services that are available to everyone in the community. You may never need to access most of these services, but their availability is critical. Our core services include:

- 24 hour crisis intervention and assessment service for mental health emergencies
- Individual, marriage and family counseling, offered by highly trained mental health professionals with a variety of specialties
- Medication consultations to local physicians by Board certified psychiatrists
- "Full-life" supports for persons with serious and persistent mental illness, including housing, vocational and case management services
- Individualized home placements for more than fifty persons with developmental disabilities

- Substance abuse prevention and treatment by our staff of licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselors

Service Statistics Highlights:

- In 2008, 8 residents of the town of Sugar Hill received 23 hours of outpatient mental health or substance abuse treatment services at a discounted rate. Our ability to continue to offer these services on a sliding-fee scale is dependent upon the support of our communities.
- 106 families in our area received extensive assistance in supporting a person with a developmental disability. In many cases, the supports include “full-life” around the clock services.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane C. Mackay, LICSW
Area Director

NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE AGENCY, INC.

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency has been meeting the home health and hospice needs of the North Country since 1971.

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency provides skilled services such as nurses, therapists, home health aides, medical social workers, and homemakers. Under our hospice program we also pay for medications for symptom relief, medical supplies and equipment, short term hospitalization and in-patient respite care, counseling and pastoral support. Our Compassionate Care program provides limited amounts of free skilled care to those living with a life limiting illness who are not eligible for traditional hospice benefits. In January 2007, we added hospice volunteer services to improve our continuum of care by creating an even stronger program of hospice and palliative care for residents. In 2008, we traveled 240,564 miles to provide 24,803 visits to the residents in our 21-Town service area.

North Country Home Health and Hospice relies on town support and individual donations to help underwrite the cost of providing home health and hospice care to residents who are uninsured or underinsured. The Board of Directors and Staff of North Country Home Health & Hospice are grateful for your continued support of our work in this community and look forward to working with you to meet the home care and hospice needs of the residents of Sugar Hill.

<u>Type of Care</u>	<u># of Visits</u>
Nursing	57
Physical/Occupational /Speech Therapy	87
Medical Social Service	4
Home Health Aide/Homemaker	<u>212</u>
Total	360
Miles Driven	6,124 Miles

<u>Hospice Volunteer Support</u>	
# of Bereavement Clients	1

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Tomlinson
Executive Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln, and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink, Resource Center and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and Volunteer Center (RSVP). Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2008, 19 older residents of Sugar Hill were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Littleton Area Senior Center:

- Older adults from Sugar Hill enjoyed 23 balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 11 visits with a trained outreach worker and 63 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Sugar Hill's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 71 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Sugar Hill residents in 2008 was \$2,610.63.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Sugar Hill's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - GRAFTON COUNTY

UNHCE continues to bring education and research to the citizens of Grafton County through a variety of educational programs in the areas of agricultural resources, family and consumer resources, including Nutrition Connections, forest and wildlife resources, and 4-H youth development. Local staff, in conjunction with Extension specialists housed at UNH in Durham, addresses the needs of Grafton County's citizens. The statewide dairy specialist is housed at the Grafton County office. The staff utilize multiple approaches to reach the maximum number of participants through media connections, internet, email, one-on-one sessions and workshops. Trained volunteers at the Family, Home & Garden Education Center based in Manchester, answer consumer questions throughout the year in all subject matter areas. The Extension Advisory Council, a 14 member volunteer board of Grafton County residents, is chaired by Denis Ward of Monroe. The Advisory Council's main duties are to help create and oversee the UNHCE county budget, approve programmatic changes, evaluate staff and hire replacement educators for the programs.

Family and Consumer Resources Educator Deborah Maes has continued to provide SERVSAFE© and other food safety programs to Grafton County and beyond. Maes is a member of the statewide Food Safety Team. Over 40 individuals were nationally certified in the past year, including employees of the Grafton County Nursing Home. The *Making Money Work for You* course, focusing on basic money management skills, has been taught in several county locations in collaboration with the Bridge House, Whole Village Family Resource Center, AHEAD, Inc. of Littleton, and area banks.

During his last year before retirement, Tom Buob, Agriculture Resources Educator, provided support to state vegetable specialist Becky Grube in field testing varieties for New Hampshire farms through partnering with local producers. Extension has worked with local farms to implement diversification of farm products and evaluate field tests of crops. Commercial and non-commercial growers were provided with pesticide education and recommendations. In conjunction with the agricultural educators across the state, Buob has worked extensively to create and maintain the state's soil testing program, set up on-line data submission and retrieval and train statewide staff in county-based management of the system as well as negotiating relationships with Penn State for analysis. In addition, Buob has served on the Legislative appointed biosolids committee.

Nutrition Connections Educational Program Coordinator Robin Peters continues to teach to the needs of adults and youth with limited resources. Nutrition classes were provided to residents at the Friendship House in Bethlehem. A pilot program with Operation Frontline was offered to residents at the Bridge House in Plymouth. Other agencies sponsoring nutrition classes included the Peer Support Center, Child and Family Services, Parenting Plus and Lane House all in Littleton. The Upper Valley Senior Center in Lebanon and the Grafton County Academy Program received nutrition education. Parent groups from Head Start programs in Littleton, Ashland, Plymouth and Lebanon received hands-on nutrition and cooking skills workshops.

Working as part of UNHCE's Strengthening New Hampshire Communities, Maes and UNH's Michele Gagne worked with Rumney residents to organize a two-day Community Profile in May of 2007. Locally based action groups have continued the work of the

Profile, primarily in the area of Natural Resources, Land Conservation and Communications. Rumney has had several community wide meetings to inform and educate the public about their local natural resources. Many of these were taught or hosted by Extension Forester Nory Parr, Maes and Gagne continue to be a resource to the community. Non-profit groups have also been helped in their strategic planning efforts by Extension staff.

In his retirement year, Extension Forester Northam Parr has continued to provide woodlot management advice to landowners, participated in the County Farm committee, overseen statewide licensing of forestry professionals and hosted workshops for the Forest Steward's Guild. After the past year's severe wind damage, Parr worked with many of the affected landowners. Special sessions were held in Lyme, Orford and Bethlehem to discuss options for damaged timberlands. Other workshops presented include: Forest Laws for Municipal Officials, Current Use Laws, Forest Access Road and Best Management Practices, Wildlife Habitats and Erosion on the Baker River.

Michal Lunak, Extension's Dairy Specialist, continues to work with area farms on management practices and economic stability. He also meets with farm families to facilitate a seamless transition from one generation to the next. He has coordinated the statewide dairy conference and the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association state show. In November, 2007, he worked with 40 college-age contestants in the National Dairy Challenge. Lunak continues to work with the state veterinarian on farm bio-security issues. Risk Management Agency (RMA) funding continued throughout 2007. Educational sessions focused on crop diversification, pest management, biofuel crops, and quality forages.

Extension Educator for 4-H Youth Development, Kathy Jablonski, continues to oversee the recruitment, training and screening of the 4-H leaders in Grafton County. In the 2007-2008 year, 111 screened leaders gave their time and energy to support 23 4-H clubs, 20 county wide events and the North Haverhill Fair, Eastern States Exposition and a half dozen statewide and regional contests. In August, 2008, she worked with a statewide committee to offer a two-day Focus on Home, Hotel and Interior Design Career Awareness field trip for 31 teens, featuring businesses in Grafton County. As part of the 4-H after school work team, curriculum support materials for educators working with after-school programs have been created, statewide training given and 4-H curriculum put into use. Two sites, REACH (Littleton) and A+ (Plymouth area), worked to implement continued 4-H after school programming with the help of JC Penney grants. Support was given to the Nutrition Connections grant by teaching courses for Woodsville Headstart, Haverhill Cooperative Middle School and Warren Village School.

Both Lunak and Jablonski continue to serve on the interdisciplinary UNHCE team sponsoring the Natural Resources Business Institute, a 13 week college level course to teach participants how to operate a business based on natural resources. The fall 2007 session was offered in Whitefield with 17 businesses represented. The successful North Country Farm Fresh Cooperative is a result of that class. A session is currently being taught at UNH's Thompson School with 22 businesses represented.

Plymouth State University collaborations have dotted the work of several of our educators this past year. Interns from PSU assisted and observed Nutrition Connections programming, designed and accomplished nutritional presentations and participated in “mock” interviews as part of their career preparation. 4-H Youth Development teamed with Dr. Anne Holba and the Robert Frost Forensics Society to create a series of public speaking workshops for 4-H members and other interested youth. The agricultural resources educator, forestry educator and dairy specialist have worked with the Center for Rural Development in creating a sustainability plan for the County Farm. In a reciprocal agreement with Belknap County, Extension Educator Sue Cagle taught the program Guiding Challenging Children to over 20 child care providers and parents at Plymouth State University, while Deb Maes taught SERVSAFE© courses in Belknap County. Two forest management workshops were taught by Northam Parr as part of the Continuing Education Division’s public outreach program.

While employed as the Volunteer Management Program Assistant, Dana Karuza Tulp, coordinated the efforts of the Grafton County Master Gardeners, providing support for their course work, community service projects and their County Farm garden project. As part of her role with the 4-H program, Tulp taught two sessions in after school programming and provided assistance with county events. Her replacement, Arianne Fosdick, joined the staff in April and continues to work with master gardeners, 4-H after school programs and volunteers working with county wide 4-H events. She coordinated the 4-H summer gardening program which served 61 youth and their families.

The administrative assistant staff continues to provide frontline support and referrals for all of our program areas. With the help of Kristina Vaughan, Teresa Locke and Donna Lee, we continue to help the citizens of Grafton County access the most current practices developed by research and technology of the University of New Hampshire and other cooperating land grant universities.

For more information about UNHCE, Grafton County, contact our office at the County Administration Building, Grafton County Complex, 3855 Dartmouth College Highway, Box 5, N. Haverhill, NH 03774, or call 787-6944. Our County Calendar of Events can be viewed at: <http://extension.unh.edu/Counties/Grafton/Grafton.htm>

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen E. Jablonski, M.Ed.
UNHCE, Extension Educator,
4-H Youth Development

**BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008**

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father & Name of Mother
February 3, 2008	Katie Jean Baker	John Baker Maureen Walsh
April 5, 2008	Jett Benjamin Presby	Trevor Presby Samantha Presby
April 10, 2008	Ainsley Kate Frenkiewich	Brian Frenkiewich Michele Frenkiewich
September 7, 2008	Jasper Thomas Peacock	Michael Peacock Carla Peacock
September 7, 2008	Lily Grace Hodgdon	Jody Hodgdon Crystal G. Hodgdon

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008**

Date Of Death	Name Of Deceased	Name & Surname Of Father	Maiden Name Of Mother
September 23, 2008	Robert Hogan	George Hogan	Edna Drouin
November 1, 2008	Marie-Claire Rowbotham	Richard Welch	Sara Magee
November 7, 2008	Henry King, Jr.	Henry King, Sr.	Vashti Bullock
December 5, 2008	Chester Smith, Jr.	Chester Smith, Sr.	Margaret Miller

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008**

Date of Marriage	Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage
May 25, 2008	Eric M. Fredericksen Maria T. Vega	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
June 14, 2008	Mark C. Russell Sally E. Field	Littleton, NH Sugar Hill, NH
October 18, 2008	Shaw K. Brown Tine G. Hansen	Sugar Hill, NH Denmark
December 30, 2008	Christopher H. McPhaul Jeniffer L. Hix	Germantown, TN Germantown, TN

**CIVIL UNION
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH
For the Year Ending December 31, 2008**

Date of Marriage	Name and Surname	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage
January 4, 2008	Jonathan R. Halpern Kirk D. Wilson	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH

I hereby certify the above information is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Lissa Boissonneault, Town Clerk

Protect Your Family Test Your Well

Common Health Related Contaminants In NH Wells

**Radon
Uranium
Gross Alpha
Radium
Lead/Copper**

**Arsenic
Fluoride
Bacteria
Nitrate/Nitrite
and other contaminants**

Please see the document below for further information:

www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/well_testing/documents/well_testing.pdf

The Spanish version is available at:

http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/well_testing/documents/pozosartesianos.pdf

**TOWN HOURS
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
823-8468**

Monday 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
823-8516**

Monday 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

PLANNING BOARD

First Wednesday of each month 5:30 PM

ZONING BOARD

As needed..... 6:30 PM

TRANSFER STATION

Sunday 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Monday 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday, Thursday CLOSED
Wednesday 9:00 AM -12:00 PM
Friday 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Saturday 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY
823-7001**

Monday 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Thursday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

**SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM
823-5336**

Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Saturday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

OPEN: Mid June - Mid October

<p>FIRE, POLICE, LIFE SQUAD EMERGENCY ONLY 911</p>

**Non-Emergency Police
823-8725
823-8123**

**Non-Emergency Fire Department
823-8415
823-8123**

**Highway Department
823-8788**

**Meetinghouse
823-7011**

SUGAR HILL FIRE-RESCUE

1948-2008

RESCUE

ENGINE 1

TANKER

ENGINE 2

